SUNY Cortland Men's Ice Hockey

vs. SUNY Potsdam; Alumni Arena; Cortland, N.Y.
Friday, February 3, 2006

FINAL SCORE: Potsdam 3, Cortland 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Sophomore T.J. Sakaluk (Hamilton, ON/Niagara Falls Canucks) scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Potsdam men’s hockey team to a 3-1 victory over Cortland Friday night in SUNYAC action. The win for the Bears was their fourth straight and improved their record to 7-10-4 and 6-4-1 in the conference. The Red Dragons fell to 3-17-2 and 1-9-1 and were eliminated from league playoff contention.

After a scoreless opening period, Sakaluk gave the Bears a 1-0 lead just 38 seconds into the second period after he converted a 2-on-1 with a backhand over Cortland senior goalie Matt Meacham’s (Massena/Skidmore College) glove. Junior Ryan McCarthy (Brampton, ON/Georgetown Raiders) assisted on the score.

Sakaluk connected for his second of the night and team-high 14th of the season at 1:43 of the third period. Meacham made a save on junior Ryan Trimble’s (Carleton Place, ON/Lindsay Muskies) slap shot, but the rebound bounced hard off the back boards where Sakaluk tucked the puck into the open side of the net. The Red Dragons pulled to within 2-1 at 9:14 of the third. While killing a penalty, freshman Patrick Baumann (Centereach/NY Apple Core) sent the puck ahead from the right boards to senior Matt Schillace (Auburn/Niagara University) for a breakaway. Schillace deked to his forehand and slipped the puck past Potsdam junior goalie Vince Cuccaro (Ottawa, ON/Kanata Stallions).

The Bears added a late insurance goal on a scramble in front as sophomore Pat Lemay (Orleans, ON/Smith Falls Bears) put a shot between Meacham’s pads at 16:24. Sakaluk and McCarthy assisted on the goal. Cortland pulled Meacham twice in the game’s final two minutes but did not generate any quality scoring chances.

Meacham finished the game with 30 saves, while Cuccaro stopped 24 shots for the Bears.

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Score by periods:
Potsdam 0-1-2 3
Cortland 0-0-1 1

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Potsdam: T.J. Sakaluk 2-1, Pat Lemay 1-0, Ryan McCarthy 0-2, Ryan Trimble 0-1
Cortland: Matt Schillace 1-0, Patrick Baumann 0-1

Saves: Vince Cuccaro (Potsdam) 24 saves (1 GA in 60:00); Matt Meacham (Cortland) 30 saves (3 GA in 59:04), Empty Net :56

Shots on Goal: Potsdam 33 (14-8-11), Cortland 25 (7-6-12)
Penalties: Potsdam 7-14:00, Cortland 6-12:00
Power Play: Potsdam 0-5, Cortland 0-6
Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 3-17-2, 1-9-1 SUNYAC; Potsdam (Bears) 7-10-4, 6-4-1 SUNYAC