



SUNY Cortland Sports Information

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SUNYAC Women's Basketball Tournament - Semifinals

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Fredonia; Utica Memorial Auditorium; Utica, N.Y.

Friday, February 28, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 56, Fredonia 45

UTICA, N.Y. – Freshman **Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley)** made 6-of-7 three-pointers and finished with a career-high 27 points as Cortland defeated Fredonia 56-45 in the semifinal round of the SUNYAC playoffs at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Cortland will make its fifth straight appearance in the SUNYAC championship game on Saturday at 1 p.m. vs. Brockport. The Red Dragons, the fourth seed, is looking to capture its fifth league title and first since 2000. The third-seeded Golden Eagles, a 50-36 winner over Buffalo State, will be searching for their first-ever SUNYAC crown.

VanDusen had the hot shooting hand on a day when most of her teammates were struggling. She finished the game 7-of-9 from the field and 7-of-8 from the foul line. The rest of the Red Dragons were a combined 10-of-51 from the floor. VanDusen scored 16 first-half points to help Cortland take a 27-22 lead. Fredonia jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, but Cortland answered with a 14-2 run fueled by 10 points from VanDusen and four from junior **Michelle Ciquera (Massapequa)** to take a 14-10 lead with 10:46 left.

Cortland led 27-17 with 2:51 left in the half, but Fredonia responded by scoring the final five points of the first half and the first three of the second half to close within 27-25. Cortland went on decisive 18-1 run between the 17:52 mark and the 13:10 mark to take a 45-26 lead. VanDusen capped the run with a three-pointer and scored eight points total during that stretch. The lead stayed in double-figures most of the game from that point. Fredonia briefly drew within 51-42 with 1:36 left, but the Red Dragons hit 5-of-6 free throws over the next 30 seconds to put the game away.

Ciquera finished with eight points, nine rebounds and four steals. Senior **Noelle Picone (Mahopac)** scored six points, grabbed nine rebounds, handed out three assists and made three steals and sophomore **Desiree Montanez (Ellenville)** finished with six points and nine rebounds.

Fredonia was led by **Kim Guenther's** 13 points and 10 rebounds. The Blue Devils shot just 27 percent from the floor, including 22 percent in the second half, although Cortland shot only 28 percent in a winning cause. Fredonia was the tournament's eighth seed, but upset top-seeded Geneseo on the road Tuesday in the quarterfinals.

(full box score on following page)

Official Basketball Box Score -- GAME TOTALS -- FINAL STATISTICS
 SUNY Fredonia vs SUNY Cortland
 2/28/03 3 p.m. at Utica, NY (Utica Memorial Auditorium)

VISITORS: SUNY Fredonia 11-16

##	Player Name	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	OF	DE	TOT							
11	Piede, Michelle..... *	3-6	3-6	0-0	1	3	4	3	9	0	0	0	2	19			
14	Martin, Heather..... *	2-10	2-7	2-2	0	6	6	3	8	2	5	0	0	36			
21	Bushen, Amy..... *	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	3	2	3	3	0	1	31			
32	Crowley, Clare..... *	3-17	0-2	2-2	3	3	6	2	8	2	2	0	2	37			
44	Guenther, Kim..... *	5-12	0-0	3-7	5	5	10	3	13	2	4	2	0	33			
12	Engel, Kristin.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2			
13	Estes, Katie.....	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	10			
24	Neamon, Amanda.....	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+			
33	Martin, Kristen.....	1-6	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	3	0	5	0	1	11			
42	Smith, Jackie.....	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	4	5	0	0	1	2	0	1	21			
TEAM.....					3	3	6										
Totals.....		16-59	6-18	7-11	14	30	44	16	45	10	24	3	7	200			

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-27 33.3% 2nd Half: 7-32 21.9% Game: 27.1% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 4-12 33.3% 2nd Half: 2-6 33.3% Game: 33.3% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 0-2 0.0% 2nd Half: 7-9 77.8% Game: 63.6% 3,1

HOME TEAM: SUNY Cortland 16-11

##	Player Name	TOT-FG			3-PT			REBOUNDS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
		FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	OF	DE	TOT							
04	VanDusen, Kaylin.... *	7-9	6-7	7-8	1	3	4	0	27	3	3	0	4	40			
11	Picone, Noelle..... *	2-14	0-0	2-2	2	7	9	1	6	3	2	1	3	40			
14	Ciquera, Michelle... *	3-18	0-1	2-4	2	7	9	0	8	0	3	0	4	40			
20	Maye, Dani..... *	1-5	0-2	2-2	3	3	6	4	4	3	3	1	0	23			
32	Byrns, Becky..... *	1-6	0-0	1-2	2	2	4	3	3	1	2	2	0	15			
10	Egan, Kristen.....	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	18			
25	DeHay, Chrissy.....	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	6			
44	Montanez, Desiree... *	3-5	0-1	0-0	3	6	9	2	6	0	2	1	1	18			
TEAM.....					1	1	2										
Totals.....		17-60	6-11	16-20	15	30	45	11	56	11	18	6	13	200			

TOTAL FG% 1st Half: 9-31 29.0% 2nd Half: 8-29 27.6% Game: 28.3% DEADB
 3-Pt. FG% 1st Half: 3-7 42.9% 2nd Half: 3-4 75.0% Game: 54.5% REBS
 F Throw % 1st Half: 6-8 75.0% 2nd Half: 10-12 83.3% Game: 80.0% 1

Officials: Larry Hardesty, Bob DeJohn, Steve Nemec
 Technical fouls: SUNY Fredonia-None. SUNY Cortland-None.
 Attendance: 212

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
SUNY Fredonia.....	22	23	45
SUNY Cortland.....	27	29	56

SUNYAC Semifinals. Cortland advances to the finals for the 5th straight year. The #4 seed Red Dragons will face #3 Brockport in the championship game on Saturday at 1 p.m. Freshman guard Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/W. Canada Valley) scored a career-high 27 points for Cortland, hitting 6-of-7 three-pointers.