SUNY Cortland Field Hockey

SUNY Cortland vs. Johns Hopkins University
Sunday, September 5, 2004; Homewood Field; Baltimore, Md.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 4, Johns Hopkins 3

Baltimore, Md. – Sophomore Kelli Johnson (Elma/Iroquois Central) scored three goals to lead SUNY Cortland past Johns Hopkins, 4-3, in field hockey action. Cortland, an NCAA semifinalist last season, is 1-0 with the win, while the host Blue Jays fall to 0-2.

The Blue Jays, who won the Centennial Conference and advanced to the NCAA tournament second round last fall, struck first as junior Kristan Lione (Westbury/Carle Place) directed home a pass from junior Heather Oravec (South Wales/Iroquois) in the 18th minute of the game. The Blue Jays maintained their lead for the majority of the first half until the Red Dragons scored two quick goals in the last five minutes to go ahead 2-1. Freshman Jen Girard (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) scored her first collegiate goal off a feed from senior Judy Slopnick (Mohawk) with five minutes to go in the half to tie the score and less than one minute later Johnson scored the first of her three goals.

In the first minute of the second half, Johns Hopkins freshman Sarah Bender (Mattapoisett, MA/Tabor Academy) scored as she got behind the defense, collected a pass from Lione, and beat Red Dragons goalkeeper Jessica Anderson (East Islip). Johnson, who led Cortland with 22 goals as a freshman last fall, responded and scored two consecutive goals in the 40th and 50th minutes, respectively, to give the Red Dragons a 4-2 advantage. Slopnick assisted on the final goal and finished with two assists.

The Blue Jays scored with 11 minutes remaining in regulation as junior Meighan Roose (Baltimore, MD/York) deposited an Amy Soergel (Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny) pass into the back of the cage. The Blue Jays had other opportunities in the final 10 minutes, but the Red Dragon defense was able to keep them from tying the score. Anderson finished with three saves.

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Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Johns Hopkins: Kristan Lione 1-1, Sarah Bender 1-0, Meighan Roose 1-0, Heather Oravec 0-1, Amy Soergel 0-1
Cortland: Kelli Johnson 3-0, Jen Girard 1-0, Judy Slopnick 0-2

Halftime: Cortland 2, Johns Hopkins 1

Shots: Cortland 16, Johns Hopkins 8

Penalty Corners: Cortland 7, Johns Hopkins 7

Saves: Jessica Anderson (Cortland) 3 (3 GA in 70:00); Meredith Shifman (JHU) 9 (4 GA in 70:00)

Record after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 1-0, Johns Hopkins (Blue Jays) 0-2