SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

vs. City College of New York; Chandler Gymnasium; Williamstown, Mass.
Williams Invitational – Third Place Game; Saturday, November 22, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 84, CCNY 54

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS. – Sophomore forward Jon Rother (Sodus Point/Sodus Central) scored 16 of his game-high 20 points in the first half as Cortland defeated City College of New York, 84-54, in the third-place game of the Williams College Invitational. The host Ephs won the title with an 87-59 victory over Southern Vermont.

An all-tournament team selection, Rother connected on 8-of-14 shots from the field. He also grabbed five rebounds and handed out two assists in 23 minutes. Freshman forward Bryan Orquist (Beacon) added 16 points on 7-of-7 shooting, including a three-pointer. Freshman guard Derrick Coleman (Valley Stream/Valley Stream South) scored nine points and junior guard Justin O’Garrow (Port Washington/Paul D. Schreiber) recorded six assists and three steals. Andrew Mungin led CCNY with 11 points and Mike Loubier scored 10 points.

Cortland used a 10-2 run to turn a 10-9 lead into a 20-11 advantage. After CCNY closed back to within 20-14 with 12:05 left in the half, Orquist scored seven straight points to start a 9-1 run that gave the Red Dragons a 29-15 lead.

Cortland's decisive run came with 4:37 left in the half. Leading 34-24, the Red Dragons scored 10 straight points and 13 of the half’s final 15 to take a 47-26 lead at intermission. Cortland's lead was at least 19 the entire second half.

The Red Dragons shot 52 percent from the floor (33-of-64) and 75 percent from the foul line (15-of-20), while holding CCNY to 35 percent shooting (19-of-54).

Cortland will host Elmira on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Red Dragons' home opener.