SUNY Cortland Men’s Basketball

vs. SUNY Oswego; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.
Saturday, January 24, 2004

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 72, Oswego 60

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior guard Justin O’Garrow (Port Washington/Paul D. Schreiber) scored 18 points and recorded eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals as Cortland defeated visiting Oswego, 72-60, in a SUNYAC matchup. The win improves the Red Dragons’ record to 10-4 overall and 3-3 in league play. Oswego is now 10-6 and 4-4.

O’Garrow’s 18 points are his most as a Red Dragon and his eight rebounds match his previous best. Sophomore Brian Kirchhoff (Webster) contributed 16 points and six assists and sophomore Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) finished with 15 points and eight rebounds. Kirchhoff made 4-of-7 three-pointers. Sophomore Jon Rother (Sodus Point/Sodus Central) scored 11 points and handed out four assists. Rother has scored in double figures in all 14 games this season.

Junior Dave Ponza led Oswego with 15 points and eight rebounds. Junior Ben Oliver scored 11 points, nine in the first half, and freshman Nicholas Perioli, the SUNYAC’s assist leader, recorded 10 points and seven assists.

Each team held a seven-point lead in the first half, with Oswego’s coming at 31-24 with 4:38 remaining. Cortland, though, finished the half on a 13-3 run to lead 37-34 at the break. Oswego led once in the second half at 40-39 with 16:25 remaining.

Cortland was clinging to a 45-43 lead with 13 minutes left before rattling off a 10-2 run, including threes by Kirchhoff and freshman Dave Jutton (Red Hook), to take a 10-point lead with 8:53 left. The lead was at least seven from that point on. Jutton finished with eight points and a career-high six rebounds.