SUNY Cortland Men’s Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Potsdam
Saturday, January 17, 2004; Jerry Welsh Gymnasium; Potsdam, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Potsdam 75, Cortland 63

POTSDAM, N.Y. – Edane Barton led four Potsdam double-figure scorers with 20 points as the Bears (6-6, 2-2) defeated visiting Cortland, 75-63, in a SUNYAC men’s basketball matchup.

Eldon Harris added 18 points and a game-high nine rebounds to the winning cause. Evril Clayton and Christian Turner each scored 11 points and Ryan Linn dished out 10 assists.

Sophomore forward Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) led Cortland (7-4, 1-3) with 16 points. Sophomore forward Jon Rother (Sodus Point/Sodus Central) added 13 points and has scored in double figures in all 11 games for the Red Dragons this season. Freshman guard Dave Jutton (Red Hook) made three shots from three-point range and finished with 12 points.

Both teams shot extremely well in the first half. The Red Dragons made 65 percent of their shots (13-of-20), including 67 percent (6-of-9) from three-point range. Potsdam shot 59 percent in the opening half (17-of-29). The Bears, however, maintained their hot shooting touch in the second half at 52 percent and finished the game at 56 percent. Cortland cooled down to 33 percent in the second half and shot 46 percent for the game.

Cortland took its biggest lead at 32-22 on a Justin O’Garrow (Port Washington/Paul D. Schreiber) three-pointer with 8:36 left in the first half. The Red Dragons led 37-29 with 4:11 left, but the Bears scored the final nine points of the half to take a 38-37 lead.

Cortland regained a four-point lead at 44-40 on a Ranieri jumper with 17:59 left in the game. Eight straight points gave Potsdam the lead for good at 48-44 with 15:02 left. The margin grew to 11 points with 9:54 remaining, but the Red Dragons kept it within seven on a Rother jumper with 7:31 on the clock. Cortland missed two shots to reduce the lead further, and a 6-1 Potsdam run helped put the game away.