SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Brockport
Friday, February 18, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 70, Brockport 63

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Justin O'Garrow (Port Washington/Paul D. Schreiber) scored 17 points as Cortland moved into sole possession of second place in the SUNYAC standings with a 70-63 victory over Brockport. Both teams entered the game with 10-4 league marks. Cortland is now 16-8 overall, 11-4 in the league, and has won five straight. Brockport is 16-7 overall and 10-5 in the league.

Junior Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) finished with 12 points and three steals and sophomore Rod Headley (Peekskill) recorded a “double-double” with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Simon Skrelja (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) scored eight points, blocked three shots and matched his career high with 13 rebounds.

Junior Ben Bellucci (Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse), Brockport's leading scorer at nearly 19 points per game, scored all of his team-high 14 points in the second half. Brandon Williams (Rochester/Edison Tech.) added 13 points on 6-of-8 shooting, Kellan Skrine (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) added nine points and seven rebounds and Bryan Boswell (Amherst/Sweet Home) registered seven points, six rebounds and five assists.

Cortland trailed 19-18 with 7:27 left in the first half, then mounted a 14-2 run over the next 3:23, keyed by two O'Garrow three-pointers, to take a 32-21 lead. O'Garrow made a career-best three shots from three-point range in the contest.

The Red Dragons led by nine at halftime, but Brockport rallied in the second half and tied the game at 43-43 on a Bellucci trey with 10:09 left. The game was also tied at 45-45, but the Golden Eagles were never able to take the lead and Cortland slowly pulled away.

Leading 53-50 with 4:59 left, Cortland pushed the margin to eight on a Ranieri layup at 4:04 and O'Garrow's three-pointer at 3:24. Brockport got back to within five points with 59 seconds left on Bellucci's three, but Cortland made 7-of-8 free throws, including 5-of-6 by O'Garrow, to seal the win.

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