SUNY Cortland Men’s Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Hartwick College
Tuesday, January 4, 2005; Binder Gymnasium; Oneonta, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 51, Hartwick 40

ONEONTA, N.Y. – Cortland outscored Hartwick 26-8 over the first 14-plus minutes of the second half and defeated the Hawks, 51-40, in a non-league contest.

Oddly, neither team featured a scorer in double figures. Sophomore guards Rod Headley (Peekskill) and Dave Jutton (Red Hook) led the Red Dragons (6-4) with nine points each. Headley also grabbed six rebounds. Junior Brian Kirchhoff (Webster) added eight points and seven rebounds. Junior Simon Skrelja (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) finished with six points and six rebounds and freshman Michael Jankiewicz (Oriskany) scored six points.

Hartwick (1-7) was led by Tim Kindlan’s seven points. Sterling Green scored six points and pulled down nine rebounds. The Hawks were held to 25 percent shooting from the field, including just 14 percent (4-of-29) from three-point territory.

Cortland shot 48 percent from the field in the second half after connecting on just 28 percent of its shots in the opening 20 minutes.

The Red Dragons raced out to a 21-9 lead in the first 10:35 of the game, but were held to only two points the rest of the period and led 23-19 at halftime. A Headley layup, a Jutton three-pointer and a layup by freshman Quentin Merritt (Brooklyn/Boys & Girls) quickly extended the lead to 30-19 less than three minutes into the second half. The Hawks got back to within 32-24 a couple of minutes later, but a 17-3 run over the next 10 minutes, featuring two Jutton treys, gave Cortland a 49-27 lead with 5:21 left. Hartwick finished the game on a 13-2 run.

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