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SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Rochester Institute of Technology
Friday, December 17, 2004; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: RIT 75, Cortland 65

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Freshman Barrett Zeinfeld (Tucson, AZ/Catalina Foothills) made all four of his three-point attempts and finished with a game-high 18 points off the bench as RIT defeated Cortland, 75-65. Both teams are now 4-3.

Zeinfeld led four RIT double-figure scorers. Sophomore Tim Bacon (Massena) scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in 19 minutes off the bench. Junior Fran Snyder (Buffalo/Bishop Timon St. Jude) added 12 points and senior Kyle Goff (Manassas, VA/Stonewall Junction) scored 11 points. Senior Sean Murphy (Buffalo/Williamsville North) contributed nine points and a game-high 10 rebounds, all on the defensive glass.

Senior Justin O’Garrow (Port Washington/Paul D. Schreiber) and junior Simon Skrelja (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) paced Cortland with nine points apiece. O’Garrow also had three assists and two steals and Skrelja registered a game-high three steals.

RIT never trailed in the contest, although Cortland twice cut double-figure deficits to two points. The Tigers led 6-0 three minutes into the game and held a 22-6 advantage on a Zeinfeld three-pointer with 8:46 left in the half. Skrelja’s three-pointer and dunk off a steal helped the Red Dragons close back within six points and Cortland trailed by seven, 34-27, at halftime.

An O’Garrow three-pointer and a three-point play by junior Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) brought Cortland with 37-35 with 16:55 remaining. Bacon responded with a jumper and back-to-back three-pointers by Snyder and Goff increased the Tigers’ lead to 10 points with 14:21 left.

Leading 45-40, RIT used a 10-0 run, including five points by Bacon, to take a 55-40 lead with 10:05 left. Cortland’s bench, however, sparked an 11-0 run to get the Red Dragons back in the game. Freshman Quentin Merritt (Brooklyn/Boys & Girls) scored all seven of his points during that streak. A layup by freshman Jamie Procino (Yorktown) with 4:44 drew Cortland within 59-57 and the Red Dragons had a potential game-tying layup attempt miss the mark with 3:43 left. Zeinfeld's jumper pushed the RIT lead to four with 3:11 remaining and a Snyder layup with 2:53 left gave RIT a 63-57 advantage.

Cortland got back to within three points on sophomore Dave Jutton’s (Red Hook) three-pointer with 2:26 left, but Murphy's layup and Zeinfeld's three-pointer over the next minute sparked a run that helped put the game away. The Tigers were 6-of-6 from the foul line in the final minute.

Cortland will travel to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the Land of Magic Classic on Dec. 29-30. The Red Dragons will face nationally-ranked NAIA Division II Embry-Riddle, the host school, at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 29 and will play Colby-Sawyer College of New Hampshire at 4 p.m. on Dec. 30.

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