SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Alfred University
Saturday, December 3, 2005; McLane Center; Alfred, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 86, Alfred 76

ALFRED, N.Y. – Senior forward Scott Taggart (Sidney Center/Franklin) scored 24 points on 11-of-13 shooting from the field as Cortland defeated Alfred, 86-76, for its fifth straight victory.

Taggart also grabbed seven rebounds for the Red Dragons (5-1), who boasted five double-figure scorers. Junior Dave Maggiacomo (Pleasant Valley/Arlington) scored 13 points, junior Dave Jutton (Red Hook) and senior Simon Skrelja (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) each tallied 12 points and senior Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) finished with 11 points.

Maggiacomo and Jutton combined to made seven three-pointers in the contest. Jutton was 4-of-8 from behind the arc and Maggiacomo made 3-of-7 attempts. Skrelja grabbed seven rebounds and blocked two shots, while sophomore Derrick Fish (Locust Valley) and junior Elbert Nalls (Niagara Falls/Niagara-Wheatfield) led the team with five assists apiece.

Alfred (2-3) was led by Ryan Hallett's (Caledonia/Caledonia-Mumford) 24 points. He made 8-of-12 shots, including 4-of-7 three-pointers. Todd Dersham (Campbell/Campbell-Savona) pitched in 15 points and Dillon Stein (North Huntington, PA/Norwin) added 12 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Cortland shot 61 percent from the floor (33-of-54), including 45 percent (9-of-20) from three-point range. The Red Dragons only committed seven turnovers. Alfred shot 49 percent from the field and had only eight turnovers.

Taggart made all eight of his shots during a 16-point first half as the Red Dragons took a 46-42 lead. The first half featured eight ties and 13 lead changes. Cortland, however, led the entire second half. The Red Dragons opened the period with a 16-7 run, fueled by six points from Taggart. Cortland's largest lead was 15 points with 10:57 left.

Alfred got back to within 77-70 with 2:52 remaining, but Maggiacomo responded with a three-pointer with 2:31 left and the lead was at least eight the rest of the game.

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