SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Potsdam
Saturday, January 14, 2006; Jerry Welsh Gymnasium; Potsdam, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 69, Potsdam 60

POTSDAM, N.Y. – Senior Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse), senior Scott Taggart (Sidney Center/Franklin) and junior Dave Maggiacomo (Pleasant Valley/Arlington) each scored 13 points as Cortland extended its winning streak to 12 games with a 69-60 win at Potsdam. The Red Dragons are now 12-1 overall and 5-0 in the SUNYAC. Potsdam, the two-time defending league champion, is 6-6 and 2-2.

Ranieri made 5-of-7 field goal attempts and added three assists. Taggart led the Red Dragons with eight rebounds and Maggiacomo made 3-of-4 three-pointers while extending his double-figure scoring streak to 13 games. Senior Simon Skrelja (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) scored 11 points, junior Dave Jutton (Red Hook) hit two three-pointers and finished with 10 points and junior Elbert Nalls (Niagara Falls/Niagara-Wheatfield) had four assists.

Potsdam was led by Edane Barton’s 16 points, 13 rebounds and three steals. Dave Bisesi scored 13 points, including 3-of-5 three-pointers, and Ernst Ducena made 4-of-8 treys in a 12-point performance.

Cortland used a 9-0 run to turn an 18-17 deficit into a 26-18 lead with 4:16 left in the first half. Skrelja hit two baskets to end the run. The Red Dragons led by as many as 10 points late in the first half and settled for a 32-25 halftime lead after Ducena made a three-pointer with three seconds left.

The Red Dragons quickly extended their lead to 13 points at 43-30 with 14:20 left. The Bears, however, scored 10 straight points to pull within 43-40 with 10:45 left and eventually tied the game 45-45 on a Scott Mitchell three-pointer at the 8:09 mark. Cortland answered with a 13-2 run over the next five-plus minutes to put the game away, with Taggart scoring seven points during the decisive run.

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