SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Friday, January 6, 2006; Robison Gym; Troy, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 72, RPI 55

TROY, N.Y. – Junior Rod Headley (Peekskill) scored 17 points and junior Dave Jutton (Red Hook) recorded 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds as Cortland defeated host RPI, 72-55, for its ninth straight victory. The Red Dragons are 9-1 and are off to their best start since a 10-1 beginning to the 2000-01 season. The Red Hawks drop to 2-7 with the loss.

Headley made 6-of-10 shots from the floor and also finished with four rebounds and two assists. He scored 11 points in the second half. Jutton made 4-of-7 three-pointers, with three of those coming during an 11-point first half.

Junior Dave Maggiacomo (Pleasant Valley/Arlington) added 12 points on 4-of-8 three-point shooting and senior Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) finished with 11 points and six rebounds. Ranieri now has 971 career points. Senior Simon Skrelja (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) scored eight points, pulled down six rebounds and registered team-highs of five assists and three steals.

Tom Schneider paced RPI with 15 points and eight rebounds off the bench. Paul Halas scored 12 points and dished out four assists.

Cortland turned in a consistent shooting performance, hitting on 48 percent of its shots in each half. The Red Dragons made 8-of-19 three-pointers (42 percent) and were 10-of-12 (83 percent) from the foul line. Cortland held the Red Hawks to 39 percent shooting from the field.

RPI's last lead of the game was 7-4 with 16:16 left in the first half. Jutton’s three-pointer with 13:11 left broke an 11-11 tie and gave Cortland the lead for good. The Red Dragons led by 11 at halftime, 38-27, and pushed the lead to 16 early in the second half. The hosts got back within 47-39 with 12:35 remaining and trailed 54-45 with 10:08 left, but Cortland went on a 7-0 run and held the Red Hawks scoreless for more than five minutes to put the game away.

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