SUNY Cortland Men's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Trinity College (Conn.)
Franklin and Marshall College Sponaugle Tournament – First Round
Friday, November 18, 2005; Lancaster, Pa.

FINAL SCORE: Trinity 78, Cortland 77

LANCASTER, PA. – Kino Clarke’s four-point play with 11.6 seconds left gave Trinity College a come-from-behind 78-77 victory over SUNY Cortland in the first round of the season-opening Sponaugle Tournament at Franklin and Marshall College. Cortland will face Gwynedd-Mercy College in the third-place game Saturday evening. Trinity will play the host Diplomats in the title game.

Cortland led 36-34 at halftime and pushed its lead to 47-36 in the first 2:38 of the second half. The lead was eight points with 8:26 remaining before Trinity closed to within 66-64 with 6:48 left. Cortland held a 77-72 lead with under a minute remaining before a Tyler Rhoten one-handed heave from the top of the paint found the net. Trinity held on Cortland’s next possession and Clarke drained the tying three-pointer while being fouled. His free throw gave the Bantams the lead and he picked off a pass at midcourt and ran out the clock to seal the victory.

Rhoten finished with 25 points on 11-of-18 shooting. Clarked added 22 points, connecting on 5-of-8 three-pointers.

Cortland was led by senior forward Scott Taggart's (Sidney Center/Franklin) 20 points and 11 rebounds in his Red Dragon debut. He made 8-of-13 field goals. Junior Rod Headley ( Peekskill) scored 15 points, junior Dave Jutton (Red Hook) added 14 points and five rebounds and junior Dave Maggiacomo (Pleasant Valley/Arlington) pitched in 11 points. Maggiacomo hit 3-of-4 three pointers.

Senior Frank Ranieri (Cicero/Cicero-North Syracuse) scored all eight of his points in the second half. Ranieri and junior Elbert Nalls (Niagara Falls/Niagara-Wheatfield) each dished out three assists.

Cortland shot 59 percent in the opening half (13-of-22) and 55 percent for the game. Trinity made 52 percent of its field goals, including 56 percent in the second half.

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