SUNY Cortland Men's Ice Hockey
vs. SUNY Plattsburgh; at Alumni Arena; Cortland, N.Y.
Friday, November 15, 2002

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 4, Plattsburgh 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Sophomore Tim Earl (Troy/Capital District Selects) scored two goals and senior John Larnerd (Upper Darby, PA/Exeter Snow Devils) stopped 42 shots as the Cortland men's ice hockey team defeated nationally seventh-ranked Plattsburgh 4-3 Friday night at Alumni Arena. The victory was the Red Dragons' first win versus the Cardinals since January 21, 1977, ending a 54-game losing streak. The last time Cortland defeated Plattsburgh, no current Red Dragon player had been born yet.

Goals came quickly in the first period, with Earl putting the Red Dragons ahead 1-0 just 1:28 into the game off assists from sophomore Kyle Coletti (Troy) and freshman Jason Wilson (Johnston, RI/Northfield Mt. Hermon). Plattsburgh tied the game just 70 seconds later on a goal by freshman David Friel (Mississauga, ON/Streetsville Derbys). Sophomores James Coleman (Flamborough, ON/Milton Merchants) and Jayson Barnhart (Fonthill, ON/Fort Erie Meteors) assisted on the score. The Earl from Coletti and Wilson connection gave the Red Dragons the lead back at 3:28, but Plattsburgh again came back with the equalizer. Senior Brendon Hodge (Lynnfield, MA/Lincoln Stars) ripped a slapshot past Larnerd on the power play at 7:22. Sophomore Conor McDonough (Burlington, ON/Burlington Cougars) and senior Peter Ollari (Agawam, MA/Junior Coyotes) set up the goal.

Plattsburgh nearly took a 3-2 early in the second period when senior Jason Kilcan (London, ON/Aylmer Aces) was sent on a breakaway, but Larnerd charged from his crease and poked the puck away. Kevin Watters (Pittsford/Rochester Jr. Americans) put the Red Dragons ahead for good 11:01 into the second period off an assist from sophomore Jeff Lovier (Fairport/Syracuse Jr. Crunch).

Just over three minutes later, Cortland junior Dave Ambuhl (Clifton Park/Capital District Selects) notched the game winner while the Red Dragons were on a 4-on-3 power play. Sophomore Nate Gagnon (Wilton/University of Maine) blasted a slapshot from the left point that Plattsburgh sophomore goalie Tony Seariac (Framingham, MA/Boston Jr. Bruins) saved. Ambuhl jumped on the rebound near the right post and flipped a shot over the diving Seariac.

Plattsburgh stole the momentum away less than a minute and a half minutes later on a goal by Kilcan, closing the score to 4-3 and setting up a dramatic third period. Plattsburgh pressed for the tying goal, putting 15 shots on Larnerd in the third stanza, but the senior was up to the task. The Cardinals, however, nearly took advantage of a failed clearing attempt by Larnerd at the 8:20 mark, but senior Mike Schall (Cranberry Township, PA/St. Thomas Jr. B) blocked a shot in the crease to preserve the lead. Plattsburgh continued to pressure Cortland and pulled its goalie with 1:30 to play and skated 6-on-5 for the remainder of the game but couldn’t get a clean look at the goal.

Larnerd stopped 42 shots for Cortland, while Seariac made 31 saves for the Cardinals, who fall to 2-1 overall and in the SUNYAC. The Red Dragons, who host 11th-ranked Potsdam Saturday night, improve to 3-2-1 and 2-1.

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Score by periods:
Plattsburgh 2-1-0  3
Cortland 2-2-0  4

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Plattsburgh: David Friel 1-0, Brendon Hodge 1-0, Jason Kilcan 1-0, Jayson Barnhart 0-1, James Coleman 0-1, Peter Ollari 0-1, Conor McDonough
Cortland: Tim Earl 2-0, Dave Ambuhl 1-0, Kevin Watters 1-0, Kyle Coletti 0-2, Jason Wilson 0-2, Nate Gagnon 0-1, Jeff Lovier 0-1, Mike Schall 0-1

Saves: Tony Seariac (Plattsburgh) 31 saves (4 GA in 58:30), Empty Net 1:30; John Larnerd (Cortland) 42 saves (3 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Cortland 35 (11-12-12), Plattsburgh 45 (10-20-15)

Penalties: Cortland 5-10:00, Plattsburgh 4-8:00

Power Play: Cortland 1-2, Plattsburgh 1-3

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 3-2-1, 2-1 SUNYAC; Plattsburgh (Cardinals) 2-1, 2-1 SUNYAC

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