SUNY Cortland Men's Ice Hockey

vs. SUNY Potsdam; at Alumni Arena; Cortland, N.Y.
Friday, December 5, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Potsdam 7, Cortland 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Potsdam senior Chris Lee (MacTier, ON/Parry Sound Shamrocks) scored a hat trick to lead the Bears to a 7-2 win over Cortland in men's SUNYAC hockey action Friday night at Alumni Arena. With the win, Potsdam improved to 5-6 overall and 3-3 in the conference, while the Red Dragons fell to 6-5 and 4-2.

Cortland opened the scoring just one minute, 21 seconds into the opening period on junior Tim Earl's (Troy/Capital District Selects) power-play goal assisted by junior Kevin Watters (Pittsford/Rochester Jr. Americans) and senior David Ambuhl (Clifton Park/Capital District Selects). Potsdam answered with two goals to close out the first period with a 2-1 lead. Freshman Myles Palliser (Lake Cowichan, BC/Cowichan Valley Capitals) assisted on senior Mike Smitko's (Burlington, ON/Burlington Cougars) goal from the right point at 12:39, and sophomore Ryan Mattison (West Chester, PA/University of Connecticut) lit the lamp at 19:02 just after Potsdam killed off a two-man Cortland advantage.

The Bears made it 4-1 through two periods after goals from freshman Ryan Trimble (Carleton Place, ON/Lindsay Muskies) at 1:56 and Lee on the power play at 13:16, setting up a penalty-filled third period. Lee notched his second goal with the two-man advantage at 7:20 of the third for a 5-1 lead. He netted his third goal six minutes later to make it a 6-1 lead for the Bears. Junior Mark Stewart (Ottawa, ON/Nepean Raiders) finished the scoring for Potsdam with an unassisted short-handed goal at 15:31.

After a multitude of penalties whistled in the closing two minutes, Cortland added a late power-play goal while two men up. Sophomore Matt Schillace (Auburn/Niagara University) notched his fifth goal of the season assisted by junior Kyle Coletti (Troy/Troy H.S.) and Ambuhl at 19:58.

Senior Ryan Venturelli (Bracebridge, ON/Huntsville Wildcats) turned aside 40 shots for the Bears, while senior Mark Paine (Saratoga Springs/Saratoga Springs H.S.) made 11 saves in 33:16 for the Red Dragons before being relieved by freshman Shawn Gray (Slingerlands/Capital District Selects), who stopped 21 shots in 26:44.
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Score by periods:
Potsdam 2-2-3  7
Cortland 1-0-1  2

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
**Potsdam:** Chris Lee 3-0, Mark Stewart 1-2, Ryan Mattison 1-0, Mike Smitko 1-0, Ryan Trimble 1-0, Ryan McCarthy 0-2, Mark Hathaway 0-1, Myles Palliser 0-1, Mike Taylor 0-1, Phil Aubry 0-1, Scott Craig 0-1

**Cortland:** Tim Earl 1-0, Matt Schillace 1-0, David Ambuhl 0-2, Kyle Coletti 0-1, Kevin Watters 0-1

Saves: Ryan Venturelli (Potsdam) 40 saves (2 GA in 60:00); Mark Paine (Cortland) 11 saves (4 GA in 33:16), Shawn Gray (Cortland) 21 saves (3 GA in 26:44)

**Shots on Goal:** Cortland 42 (16-12-14), Potsdam 39 (7-17-15)

Penalties: Potsdam 18-52:00, Cortland 11-22:00

Power Play: Cortland 2-9, Potsdam 2-4

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 6-5, 4-2 SUNYAC; Potsdam (Bears) 5-6, 3-3 SUNYAC