BUFFALO, N.Y. – Forward Sean Burke scored a hat trick as the Buffalo State men's hockey team built a 5-2 lead late into the second period and held on for a 5-4 victory over Cortland in SUNYAC action Saturday night. The Bengals improved to 8-11-1 overall and 5-5 in the conference, while the Red Dragons fell to 3-15-2 and 1-8-1.

Burke opened the scoring at seven minutes, eight seconds of the first period off an assist from Greg Prybylski. Cortland answered back 59 seconds later when freshman Adam Lehmann (Rochester/Capital District Selects) scored his first career goal assisted by sophomore Zach Dehm (Trumbull, CT/Sacred Heart) and freshman Chris Corso (Oceanside/New York Apple Core).

Burke struck again, this time on the power play, just 20 seconds into the second period, but again, the Red Dragons quickly tied the game. Senior Matt Schillace (Auburn/Niagara University) and junior Buddy Anderson (Washington Township, NJ/Bridgewater Bandits) set up freshman Nick Catanzaro's (Buffalo/Boston Harbor Wolves) seventh goal of the season with the man advantage. The Bengals responded with three straight goals capped by Burke's team-high 17th of the season at 18:11 for a 5-2 lead.

Sophomore Barry McLaughlin (Bellport/Bay State Breakers) pulled Cortland to within 5-3 with a power-play goal at 19:40 of the second period. The Red Dragons made it a 5-4 game at 1:11 of the third period when Schillace netted an unassisted power-play goal, his team-high 11th score of the season. Cortland pulled senior goalie Jason Lojewski (Whitesboro/Whitesboro H.S.) for the final 1:36 of the game but couldn't net the equalizer.

Lojewski made 10 saves in relief of senior Matt Meacham (Massena/Skidmore College), who stopped 26 shots. Sean Sheehan registered 24 saves in goal for the Bengals.

The Red Dragons return to action on Tuesday with a game versus Hamilton College at Casey Park Rink in Auburn. Game time is 7 p.m.
Cortland Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Buffalo State
Jan. 28, 2006; Buffalo, N.Y.

MEN’S ICE HOCKEY: Buffalo State 5, Cortland 4

Score by periods:
Cortland  1-2-1  4
Buffalo St.  1-4-0  5

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Cortland: Matt Schillace 1-1, Nick Catanzaro 1-0, Barry McLaughlin 1-0, Adam Lehmann 1-0, Chris Corso 0-1, Buddy Anderson 0-1, Ryan LaShomb 0-1, Tom Girard 0-1
Buffalo St.: Sean Burke 3-1, Jason Hill 1-2, Paul Gagnon 1-0, Sean O’Connell 0-2, Greg Prybylski 0-2, Cody Cole 0-1, Richard Curtis 0-1

Saves:
Matt Meacham (Cortland) 26 saves (5 GA in 38:11), Jason Lojewski (Cortland) 10 saves (0 GA in 20:13), Empty Net 1:36; Sean Sheehan (Buffalo St.) 24 saves (4 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Cortland 28 (9-11-8), Buffalo St. 41 (11-21-9)

Penalties: Cortland 5-10:00, Buffalo St. 6-12:00

Power Play: Cortland 3-6, Buffalo St. 2-5

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 3-15-2, 1-8-1 SUNYAC; Buffalo St. (Bengals) 8-11-1, 5-5 SUNYAC