SUNY Cortland Men’s Lacrosse

SUNY Cortland vs. Eastern Connecticut State
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; Kings Point, N.Y.
Saturday, March 6, 2004

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 17, Eastern Connecticut St. 7

KINGS POINT, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked third nationally in the USILA Division III poll, held Eastern Connecticut State scoreless for 22 minutes during a 9-0 run that helped propel the Red Dragons (1-0) to a 17-7 win over the Warriors (0-1) at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Junior attack Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) led the Red Dragons with four goals and two assists. Sophomore attack Kyle Lambert (Brentwood) added three goals and one assist and freshman midfielder Ryan Simensky (Locust Valley) scored goals on all three of his shots.

Freshman attack Mike Felice (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) scored twice and assisted on a goal and senior midfielder Andrew Roth (Ridgewood, NJ/Don Bosco Prep) scored twice. Senior attack Drew Hyatt (Jamesville/Jamesville-DeWitt) tallied a goal and five assists. Sophomore Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) started in goal and made 10 saves in 58 minutes. Sophomore Bryan Scipione (East Meadow) played the final two minutes and did not have to make any saves.

Matt Kowalsky and Amir Loghmanieh scored two goals each for Eastern Connecticut. Will Holland made six saves in 50 minutes of action and Brian Zimowski stopped three shots over the final 10 minutes.

Cortland held a 33-27 advantage in shots, scoring on more than half of its attempts. The Red Dragons also won 17-of-28 faceoffs, including 13-of-20 by senior Andrew Pultz (Farmingdale). Senior defenseman Frank Estrella (Suffern) helped limit Eastern Connecticut’s Brian Hebron, the team’s leading returning scorer, to one goal.

Eastern Connecticut took a 2-0 lead 3:30 into the game on goals by Kowalsky and Dave Carpenter. Hughes scored twice in the next 1:06 to tie the game at 2-2, but Kowalsky’s goal with 5:11 left in the quarter and Andy Stockfisch’s tally with 9:53 left in the second quarter gave the Warriors a 4-2 lead.

Cortland started its nine-goal run on Lambert’s unassisted extra-man goal with 8:44 left in the half. The Red Dragons scored four man-up goals during their spurt and finished the game 6-of-9 on extra-man opportunities, compared to 0-for-4 for Eastern Connecticut.

Felice, Roth, Hughes and Simensky each scored over the final 7:19 of the first half to give the Red Dragons a 7-4 lead. Lambert, Simensky, Hyatt and Felice completed the run with goals in the first 10 minutes of the third quarter.

Eastern Connecticut scored the final two goals of the quarter to pull within 11-6, but the Red Dragons put the game away with four goals in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):

Cortland: Adam Hughes 4-2, Kyle Lambert 3-1, Ryan Simensky 3-0, Mike Felice 2-1, Andrew Roth 2-0, Drew Hyatt 1-5, Jack Popper 1-1, Justin Miller 1-0

E. Conn. St.: Matt Kowalsky 2-0, Amir Loghmanieh 2-0, Brian Hebron 1-2, Dave Carpenter 1-1, Andy Stockfisch 1-0, Joe Adamo 0-1, Bill Morgan 0-1

Goalkeepers:

Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 10 saves, 7 GA in 58:00; Bryan Scipione, 0 saves, 0 GA in 2:00

E. Conn. St.: Will Holland, 6 saves, 15 GA in 50:00; Brian Zimowski, 3 saves, 2 GA in 10:00

Shots: Cortland 33, ECS 27

Ground Balls: Cortland 26, ECS 23

Clears: Cortland 21-of-26, ECS 19-of-25

Faceoffs Won: Cortland 17, ECS 11

Penalties: Cortland 4 for 3:00, ECS 9 for 8:00

Extra-Man Offense: Cortland 6-9, ECS 0-4