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NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Tournament

Quarterfinal Round
SUNY Cortland vs. Nazareth College
Wednesday, May 19, 2004; SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Nazareth 10, Cortland 8

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Sophomores Bryan Adams (Schenectady/Guilderland) and Chris Balash (Auburn) each scored three goals as Nazareth College defeated SUNY Cortland, 10-8, in the NCAA Division III tournament quarterfinals. The sixth-ranked Golden Flyers (15-2) earned a spot in the national semifinals on Sunday at Middlebury College, at a time to be announced, while avenging a 13-12 regular-season overtime loss to the second-ranked Red Dragons (15-3).

Sophomore Alex Civalier (Rochester/Penfield) made 13 saves for the Golden Flyers, including eight in the second half. Cortland sophomore goalie Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) recorded 12 saves.

The teams were tied 6-6 at halftime after a see-saw first half that featured four ties and three lead changes. Cortland took a 2-0 lead 3:46 into the game on goals by senior Drew Hyatt (Jamesville/Jamesville-DeWitt) and sophomore Matt O'Connell (Camillus/West Genesee). Senior defenseman Frank Estrella (Suffern) assisted on Hyatt's goal. Nazareth, however, scored the next three goals between the 7:50 mark and the 3:27 mark of the quarter. Senior Brandon Brown (Ithaca) scored off a Justin Wahl (Penn Yan/Penn Yan Academy) assist, senior Brian Navarra (Watertown) tallied off a Bryan Coon (Webster) feed and Wahl connected off a Navarra assist.

Cortland tied the game at 3-3 with 1:45 left in the first quarter on senior Andrew Roth's (Ridgewood, NJ/Don Bosco Prep) extra-man goal. Mike Felice (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) assisted on the goal. The Red Dragons took a 4-3 lead on sophomore Kyle Lambert's (Brentwood) goal 1:24 into the second quarter. Nazareth tied the game 2:25 later on a Balash unassisted goal, but unassisted goals by freshman Ryan Simensky (Locust Valley) and O'Connell gave Cortland a 6-4 lead with 6:29 left in the half.

That lead was short-lived, however, as Adams scored, assisted by Navarra, just 27 seconds after O'Connell's tally and Balash netted the tying goal with 2:06 left in the half.

After the 12 combined first-half goals, the teams only scored once between them over the next 19:05. Adams, set up by Coon, scored with 13:11 left in the third quarter to give the Golden Flyers the lead for good at 7-6. The score stayed that way until the 10:55 mark of the fourth quarter when Balash's goal gave Nazareth an 8-6 lead.

That goal was the first of four in a 2:01 stretch for the teams. Coon converted a Chad Amidon (Marcellus/Onondaga) pass with 10:05 left to give the Golden Flyers a 9-6 lead. Cortland won the ensuing faceoff and freshman defenseman Cheney Raymond (Camillus/West Genesee) scored off an Andrew Pultz (Farmingdale) pass with 9:50 left to bring the Red Dragons back within 9-7. That goal, Raymond's first of the season, ended a 26-minute, 39-second scoring drought for Cortland. Adams answered right back with 8:54 left to extend Nazareth's lead to 10-7.

Neither team scored again until junior Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) scored off an O'Connell pass with 1:40 left. Cortland won the next faceoff but was unable to score. Nazareth was able to regain possession and run out the clock.

Navarra and Coon each finished with a goal and an assist for Nazareth. O'Connell led Cortland with two goals and one assist. Hyatt scored once and finished his career fifth in career scoring at Cortland with 198 points (92 goals, 106 assists). Lambert reached the career 100-point mark with his goal in the contest. He has 84 goals and 16 assists in two seasons.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):
Nazareth: Bryan Adams 3-0, Chris Balash 3-0, Brian Navarra 1-2, Bryan Coon 1-2, Justin Wahl 1-1, Brandon Brown 1-0, Chad Amidon 0-1
Cortland: Matt O'Connell 2-1, Ryan Simensky 1-1, Adam Hughes 1-0, Drew Hyatt 1-0, Andrew Roth 1-0, Kyle Lambert 1-0, Cheney Raymond 1-0, Andrew Pultz 0-1, Frank Estrella 0-1, Mike Felice 0-1

Goalkeepers:
Nazareth: Alex Civalier, 13 saves (8 GA in 60:00)
Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 12 saves (10 GA in 58:44); Bryan Scipione, 0 saves (0 GA in 1:16)

Shots: Nazareth 39, Cortland 35
Ground Balls: Nazareth 46, Cortland 35
Clears: Nazareth 19-of-25, Cortland 16-of-26
Faceoffs Won: Cortland 12, Nazareth 10
Penalties: Nazareth 3 for 2:00, Cortland 7 for 4:30
Extra-Man Offense: Nazareth 1-7, Cortland 1-3