SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse

SUNY Cortland vs. Clarkson University
Wednesday, March 23, 2005; SUNY Potsdam; Potsdam, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 9, Clarkson 6

POTSDAM, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, jumped out to a 7-1 lead and held off a fourth-quarter Clarkson rally to defeat the Golden Knights, 9-6, in a game played at SUNY Potsdam. The Red Dragons remain unbeaten at 4-0 with the win. Clarkson is now 1-3.

Junior Kyle Lambert (Brentwood) and junior Brian Atkins (Adams/South Jefferson) led Cortland with two goals and one assist apiece. Junior Mike Abbott (Syracuse/Nottingham) added a goal and two assists and junior Matt O'Connell (Camillus/West Genesee) had a goal and an assist. Junior goalie Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) made a season-high 14 saves. Clarkson sophomore Mike McKenna's (Camden, DE/Caesar Rodney) scored twice and senior Rich Burritt (Oswego) and junior Brian Hanlon (Marcellus) each had a goal and an assist. Senior goalie Joe Zebrowski (Liverpool) made 11 saves.

Lambert scored the lone goal of the first quarter, connecting off an O'Connell feed with seven minutes, one second left. Cortland was two men down early in the second quarter after both slashing and offsides penalties were called. The Red Dragons killed off the 30-second offsides penalty and then scored a man-down goal when senior Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) converted an assist from Atkins. Clarkson drew within 2-1 with 9:48 left in the half on a TJ Drake (Rochester/Rush-Henrietta) goal, but Cortland scored the final three goals of the period, all unassisted, to take a 5-1 lead. Lambert scored with 9:12 left, followed by Abbott at 7:18 and O'Connell at 6:36.

The Red Dragons extended their lead to 7-1 with a pair of goals 41 seconds apart midway through the third quarter. Sophomore Ryan Simensky (Locust Valley) scored off an Abbott pass with 7:45 left and freshman Chris Hannon (Baldwin) scored his first collegiate goal with 7:04 remaining. He scored with 4:48 left, assisted by Abbott, and added an extra-man goal off a Lambert assist with 2:16 remaining.

Clarkson scored all three goals in the fourth quarter. McKenna's unassisted tally at the 12:43 mark and a Jon Parks (Canton) goal, off a Hanlon feed, with 11:17 remaining brought the Golden Knights within 9-5. The score stayed that way, however, until Burritt's goal with 2:08 left concluded the scoring.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):

**Cortland:** Kyle Lambert 2-1, Brian Atkins 2-1, Mike Abbott 1-2, Matt O'Connell 1-1, Adam Hughes 1-0, Chris Hannon 1-0, Ryan Simensky 1-0

**Clarkson:** Mike McKenna 2-0, Brian Hanlon 1-1, Rich Burritt 1-1, TJ Drake 1-0, Jon Parks 1-0, Jon Cathcart 0-1

Goalkeepers:

**Cortland:** Ben Gaebel, 14 saves, 6 GA in 60:00

**Clarkson:** Joe Zebrowski, 11 saves, 9 GA in 60:00

Shots: Clarkson 31, Cortland 30

Ground Balls: Clarkson 31, Cortland 30

Clears: Clarkson 23-of-26, Cortland 23-of-26

Faceoffs Won: Cortland 11, Clarkson 7

Penalties: Clarkson 5-4:30, Cortland 4:30

Extra-Man Offense: Clarkson 1-3, Cortland 1-5