SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse

SUNY Cortland vs. Ithaca College
Wednesday, April 6, 2005; SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 14, Ithaca 12

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Kyle Lambert (Brentwood) scored three goals, including the 100th of his career, and junior Matt O'Connell (Camillus/West Genesee) scored all three of his goals in the second half as nationally fourth-ranked Cortland held off Ithaca College, 14-12, in a men's lacrosse matchup under the Cortland Stadium Complex lights. The Red Dragons are now 7-1, while the Bombers drop to 4-4.

Freshmen Chris Hannon (Baldwin) and Adam Hyde (West Seneca/West Seneca East) and junior Brian Atkins (Adams/South Jefferson) scored two goals apiece for Cortland. Junior goalie Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) made 12 saves.

Ithaca was led by Brendan Geluso's (Greenlawn/Harborfields) four goals. Senior Sean Thomson (Malvern, PA/Great Valley) and junior Doug Lumb (Auburn) each finished with three goals and one assist and sophomore Dennis Butler (Pleasantville) recorded 12 saves.

Cortland erased an early 2-1 deficit and led 4-2 after the first quarter. Lambert netted his milestone goal with 11:58 left in the second quarter to push the lead to 5-2. He is the 15th player in school history to score 100 goals (now at 101). The Red Dragons held a 7-3 lead with less than three minutes left in the half before the Bombers rattled off three goals to end the period. Thomson scored with 2:20 left, followed by Geluso with 36 seconds left. With the clock running down, Thomson was able to deflect in a long shot by Lumb. The goal just beat the horn and drew Ithaca within a goal at the break.

Cortland dominated play in the third quarter, outshooting the Bombers by a 24-3 margin and scoring four of the period’s five goals to push its lead to 11-7. Lambert and O'Connell scored in the first six minutes of the period. Lumb answered with 3:47 left, but Atkins and O'Connell added goals in the final two and a half minutes.

The guests responded quickly in the fourth, however, to keep the game close. The Bombers, who outshot Cortland 18-9 in the period, scored three times in a 55-second span to close within 11-10. Geluso scored at the 12:53 mark, followed by Matt Casey (Syracuse/Corcoran) at 12:34 and Lumb at 11:58. O'Connell found the net for Cortland with 9:08 remaining, but Geluso came right back at the 7:32 mark to close the Cortland lead to 12-11.

Cortland held on, however, as Hyde scored with 5:12 remaining and Atkins netted a goal with 3:06 left. Ithaca made one last push as Geluso scored with 2:24 remaining. The Bombers also had a one-minute man advantage with 1:25 left after a slashing call on the Red Dragons, but Cortland was able to kill off the penalty and run out the clock.

Cortland finished with a slight 48-46 shot advantage and a 16-13 edge in faceoffs won. Hyde won 7-of-10 faceoffs. Cortland also scooped up 50 ground balls to 39 for the Bombers.

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**Scoring (Goals-Assists):**

**Ithaca:** Brandon Geluso 4-0, Sean Thomson 3-1, Doug Lumb 3-1, Matt Casey 2-3, Adam Chagares 0-1, Jeff Welch 0-1, Jeff Slack 0-1, Devin Burgoon 0-1

**Cortland:** Kyle Lambert 3-0, Matt O'Connell 3-0, Adam Hyde 2-0, Chris Hannon 2-0, Brian Atkins 2-0, Ryan Simensky 1-2, Adam Hughes 1-1, Mike Abbott 0-1

**Goalkeepers:**

**Ithaca:** Dennis Butler, 12 saves, 14 GA in 60:00

**Cortland:** Ben Gaebel, 12 saves, 12 GA in 60:00

**Shots:** Cortland 48, Ithaca 46

**Ground Balls:** Cortland 50, Ithaca 39

**Clears:** Cortland 17-of-23, Ithaca 18-of-20

**Faceoffs Won:** Cortland 16, Ithaca 13

**Penalties:** Cortland 3-3:00, Ithaca 5-3:00

**Extra-Man Offense:** Cortland 1-5, Ithaca 0-3