SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse

NCAA Div. III Tournament Quarterfinals – SUNY Cortland vs. Nazareth College
Wednesday, May 18, 2005; SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Nazareth 14, Cortland 7

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Juniors Chris Balash (Auburn) and Bryan Adams (Schenectady/Guilderland) each scored three goals as fifth-ranked Nazareth defeated second-ranked Cortland, 14-7, in an NCAA Division III tournament quarterfinal matchup. The Golden Flyers (14-2) won at Cortland in the quarterfinals for the second straight year, and will also make a repeat trip to Middlebury College for the semifinals either Saturday or Sunday. Nazareth won at Middlebury last year to earn a spot in the national championship game.

Cortland (17-2) suffered both of its losses this season to the Golden Flyers, the first coming at Nazareth in late March. The Red Dragons, who were making their fifth straight NCAA tournament appearance, tied a school record for single-season victories.

Balash finished with three goals and one assist. Senior Bryan Coon (Webster) added two goals and an assist and sophomore Ryan Hotaling (Syracuse/Onondaga) scored once and assisted on three goals. Junior goalie Alex Civalier (Rochester/Penfield) made 12 saves in just under 59 minutes of action.

Senior Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) led Cortland with three goals and finishes his career second on the school's goal-scoring chart with 151. Junior Matt O'Connell (Camillus/West Genesee) added two goals and junior goalie Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) matched his career high with 16 saves.

Balash scored just 14 seconds into the game, but Hughes responded 36 seconds later to tie the game. The Golden Flyers, however, scored the next three goals – an extra-man tally by junior Greg Kanellis (Cortland) and scored by Coon and Hotaling – to take a 4-1 lead. Hughes' goal with six seconds left in the period cut the deficit to 4-2.

Nazareth led 6-3 at halftime and put the game away by outscoring the Red Dragons 6-1 in the third quarter. Balash scored twice in the run and assisted on a Coon goal with 12 seconds left in the quarter. Cortland made a brief run in the fourth as goals by Hughes, freshman Adam Hyde (West Seneca/West Seneca East) and O'Connell drew the Red Dragons with 12-7 with 8:12 left. Adams scored with 6:51 left, however, to end the streak and Ryan Maciaszek (Fairport) finished the scoring with 5:35 remaining. Nazareth held Cortland to just 22-of-36 on clear attempts in the contest.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):
Nazareth: Chris Balash 3-1, Bryan Adams 3-0, Bryan Coon 2-1, Ryan Hotaling 1-3, Conor O'Keefe 1-1, Brian Gaffney 1-0, Chad Amidon 1-0, Ryan Maciaszek 1-0, Greg Kanellis 1-0, Matt Ali 0-1
Cortland: Adam Hughes 3-0, Matt O'Connell 2-0, Mike Abbott 1-1, Adam Hyde 1-0, Ryan Simensky 0-1

Goalkeepers:
Nazareth: Alex Civalier, 12 saves, 7 GA in 58:47; Pat Mullin, 1 save, 0 GA in 1:13
Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 16 saves, 14 GA in 60:00

Shots: Nazareth 47, Cortland 35
Ground Balls: Nazareth 50, Cortland 42
Clears: Cortland 22-of-36, Nazareth 22-of-25
Faceoffs Won: Nazareth 13, Cortland 12
Penalties: Cortland 5-5:00, Nazareth 8-4:30
Extra-Man Offense: Nazareth 3-5, Cortland 1-8