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SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse
SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Potsdam
Saturday, April 9, 2005; SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 18, Potsdam 6

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) scored four goals and registered two assists, and juniors Matt O’Connell (Camillus/West Genesee) and Mike Abbott (Syracuse/Nottingham) each tallied three times as Cortland, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, claimed its SUNYAC opener with an 18-6 victory over Potsdam.

Sophomore Ryan Simensky (Locust Valley) added two goals and three assists, junior Drew Solomon (Plainedge) finished with two goals and an assist and junior Tim Castoro (Melville/Walt Whitman) scored twice for the Red Dragons (8-1, 1-0 SUNYAC). Junior Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Cardthage) played nearly 38 minutes in goal and made seven saves while allowing only two goals. Junior Bryan Scipione (East Meadow) played the final 22-plus minutes and stopped two shots.

Junior Harrison Rogers (Grand Island) scored three goals and assisted on another to pace the Bears (4-6, 1-1). Senior Quinn Sweeney (South Jefferson/Jefferson CC) notched two goals and an assist. Senior Ryan Hanretty (Williamsville/Williamsville South) made 10 saves. Sophomore Tim Neer (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) played just over eight minutes in goal and stopped both shots on goal that he faced.

O’Connell scored 1:47 into the game to give Cortland the lead, but Rogers tied the game with 6:33 left in the quarter. O’Connell found the net with 4:17 remaining to give the Red Dragons the lead. That goal started a string of 11 unanswered goals over a span of more than 23 minutes.

Cortland scored three times in the final 1:13 of the first quarter – two by Hughes and one by Simensky – to lead 5-1. Hughes scored two of Cortland’s five second-quarter goals, and the Red Dragons led 10-1 at halftime. Cortland also scored the first two goals of the third quarter before Potsdam broke the drought on a Sweeney goal with 11:07 left. The Red Dragons, however, scored the next four goals – two each by Abbott and Castoro. Cortland’s lead was 17-3 after three quarters.

Abbott won 10-of-14 faceoffs and Adam Hyde (West Seneca/West Seneca East) won 7-of-10 faceoffs for Cortland.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):

Potsdam: Harrison Rogers 3-1, Quinn Sweeney 2-1, Chris Kowalczyk 1-0
Cortland: Adam Hughes 4-2, Matt O’Connell 3-0, Mike Abbott 3-0, Ryan Simensky 2-3, Drew Solomon 2-1, Tim Castoro 2-0, Kyle Lambert 1-0, Brian Atkins 1-0, Cheney Raymond 0-1

Goalkeepers:
Potsdam: Ryan Hanretty, 10 saves, 18 GA in 51:57; Tim Neer, 2 saves, 0 GA in 8:03
Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 7 saves, 2 GA in 37:39; Bryan Scipione, 2 saves, 4 GA in 22:21

Shots: Cortland 49, Potsdam 27
Ground Balls: Cortland 62, Potsdam 29
Clears: Cortland 23-of-25, Potsdam 19-of-34
Faceoffs Won: Cortland 19, Potsdam 9
Penalties: Cortland 4-2:30, Potsdam 4-3:00
Extra-Man Offense: Cortland 0-3, Potsdam 1-3