FINAL SCORE: Cortland 12, RIT 9

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Freshman midfielder Adam Hyde (West Seneca/West Seneca East) scored four goals and assisted on another as Cortland defeated host RIT, 12-9, in Division III men's lacrosse action. The Red Dragons, ranked fourth nationally, are now 5-0, while the Tigers drop to 1-4.

Junior midfielder Mike Abbott (Syracuse/Nottingham) and senior attack Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) each finished with two goals and one assist and junior attack Brian Atkins (Adams/South Jefferson) scored twice for the Red Dragons. Junior goalie Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) made six saves. RIT was paced by junior attack David Thering (Fairport), who finished with three goals and one assist. Junior midfielder Colin Jesien (Cambridge, MD/Cambridge-South Dorchester) scored three times and freshman attack Andrew Ruocco (Corning/Corning East) notched two goals and one assist. Freshman goalie Brad Conlon (Ottawa, Ontario/Bridgeton Academy) stopped 15 shots, 11 in the first half.

RIT took a 1-0 lead just seven seconds into the game when junior Jacob Cannan (Irondequoit) won the opening faceoff, grabbed the ground ball and fed Jesien for a goal. Cortland, however, score four straight goals over the next 4:36 to take a 4-1 lead. Hughes scored at the 13:45 mark, followed by goals from Hyde, Atkins and freshman Chris Hannon (Baldwin). RIT closed to within 4-3 on a Jesien goal with 8:26 left in the first quarter and a Zach Bednarz (Webster) goal with 18 seconds remaining in the period. Cortland scored the only goal of the second quarter on an Abbott tally with 5:03 left.

The Cortland lead quickly grew to 9-3 less than six minutes into the second half. Junior Kyle Lambert (Brentwood) scored off sophomore Ryan Siminsky's (Locust Valley) second assist of the game 1:20 into the third quarter, followed only 17 seconds later by a Hyde unassisted goal. Hyde, who did not even take a shot in Cortland's first four games this spring, scored again 42 seconds later, this time off a feed from junior Matt O’Connell (Camillus/West Genesee), and Atkins converted on an extra-man opportunity, assisted by Abbott, with 9:24 left. The teams then traded goals as Thering scored with 5:46 left, while Hughes connected off a Lambert pass with 4:18 remaining.

The hosts pulled within 10-6 on goals by Ruocco and Thering in the first six minutes of the fourth quarter. Hyde scored with 5:58 left, but the Tigers answered 25 seconds later on a Thering goal, then used tallies by Ruocco at the 3:26 mark and Jesien on an extra-man situation with 2:23 left to cut Cortland's lead to 11-9. Abbott finished the scoring with 52 seconds left.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):

Cortland: Adam Hyde 4-1, Adam Hughes 2-1, Mike Abbott 2-1, Brian Atkins 2-0, Kyle Lambert 1-1, Chris Hannon 1-0, Ryan Siminsky 0-2, Matt O’Connell 0-1

RIT: David Thering 3-1, Colin Jesien 3-0, Andrew Ruocco 2-1, Zach Bednarz 1-0, Jacob Cannan 0-1, Stephen Papa 0-1

Goalkeepers:

Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 6 saves, 9 GA in 60:00

RIT: Brad Conlon, 15 saves, 12 GA in 60:00

Shots: Cortland 45, RIT 28

Ground Balls: Cortland 45, RIT 21

Clears: Cortland 16-of-17, RIT 15-of-17

Faceoffs Won: Cortland 14, RIT 11

Penalties: Cortland 2-1:00, RIT 2-2:00

Extra-Man Offense: Cortland 1-2, RIT 1-2