SUNY Cortland Men's Lacrosse

SUNY Cortland vs. Springfield College
Saturday, March 19, 2005; SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 10, Springfield 8

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior attack Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) recorded two goals and two assists and junior midfielder Mike Abbott (Syracuse/Nottingham) scored twice, including the go-ahead goal with just under 11 minutes remaining, as Cortland, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, defeated 18th-ranked Springfield, 10-8.

The Red Dragons improved to 3-0 on the season, with all three wins coming versus ranked teams. Springfield falls to 0-4, with all four setbacks to ranked teams by two goals or less. The Pride previously lost by two goals to both second-ranked Nazareth and third-ranked Middlebury in addition to a one-goal loss to 15th-ranked Hartwick.

Senior midfielder Adam Cost (Camillus/West Genesee) led Springfield with three goals and one assist. Sophomore goalie Kyle Cloutier (South Hadley, MA) made 15 saves, 10 in the second half.

Junior attack Tony Ventiquattro (Deferiet/Carthage) finished with a goal and two assists and both sophomore midfielder Ryan Simensky (Locust Valley) and junior midfielder Matt O'Connell (Camillus/West Genesee) added a goal and an assist for the Red Dragons. Junior goalie Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) recorded 10 saves.

Cortland led 7-5 after three quarters, but Springfield tied the game with a pair of goals just 12 seconds apart early in the fourth quarter. Cost scored an extra-man goal off a Craig Gibson (South Salem/John Jay) assist with 13:49 left, and on the ensuing faceoff senior Mark Maitland (Salem, MA) scooped up a ground ball, raced into the offensive box and ripped a shot past Gaebel to tie the game.

Abbott, however, broke the tie off an O'Connell feed with 10:48 remaining. The Cortland lead stayed at one for almost nine minutes. Shortly after Abbott's goal, Springfield killed off a two-minute Red Dragon extra-man opportunity that arised when a Pride player was whistled for two slashing penalties on the same possession.

The game stayed at 8-7 until there was less than two minutes remaining. With Springfield forced to double-team, Abbott was able to beat his defender and score into an empty net with 1:53 left. Sophomore midfielder Bill Gleason (Camillus/West Genesee), who won 13-of-19 faceoffs in the contest, added a goal with 1:37 remaining. Springfield's final goal came from Cost with 23 seconds left after Cortland was whistled for three penalties, two with 1:09 left and the other with 47 seconds remaining.

Cortland took a 3-1 lead after one period. Hughes scored just 40 seconds into the game, although the Pride tied the game a few minutes later on a Gibson goal. Hughes assisted on the next two Red Dragon goals – one by Ventiquattro with 7:39 on the clock and the other by junior attack Kyle Lambert (Brentwood) with 2:18 remaining.

O'Connell's goal 15 seconds into the second quarter extended the lead to 4-1 and, following a Kevin Warnock (Somers, CT) goal for Springfield, the Red Dragons pushed the lead to 6-2 on goals by Simensky and sophomore Mike Felice (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) at the 4:40 and 3:40 marks, respectively. Springfield answered with two goals to close within 6-4 at halftime. Lars Keil (Andover, MA) tallied with 2:05 left and Cost netted a goal with 31 seconds remaining. The teams traded goals in the third quarter – Taylor Brown (Portsmouth, RI/Governor Dummer) for Springfield at 7:02 and Hughes for Cortland at 4:56.

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GAME SUMMARY:

Scoring (Goals-Assists):
Springfield: Adam Cost 3-1, Craig Gibson 1-2, Taylor Brown 1-1, Mark Maitland 1-0, Kevin Warnock 1-0, Lars Keil 1-0
Cortland: Adam Hughes 2-2, Mike Abbott 2-0, Tony Ventiquattro 1-2, Ryan Simensky 1-1, Matt O'Connell 1-1, Mike Felice 1-0, Kyle Lambert 1-0, Bill Gleason 1-0, Brian Atkins 0-1

Goalkeepers:
Springfield: Kyle Cloutier, 15 saves, 10 GA in 60:00
Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 10 saves, 8 GA in 60:00

Shots: Cortland 41, Springfield 33
Ground Balls: Cortland 40, Springfield 36
Clears: Cortland 21-of-26, Springfield 20-of-25
Faceoffs Won: Cortland 13, Springfield 8
Penalties: Cortland 7-5:30, Springfield 5-4:00
Extra-Man Offense: Cortland 2-4, Springfield 3-5