CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior attack Kyle Lambert (Brentwood) scored five goals, including all three of Cortland's goals in the fourth quarter, as the nationally fourth-ranked Red Dragons defeated 12th-ranked Stevens Tech, 8-5, in the first-ever matchup between the schools. Cortland improves to 2-0 with the win, while the Ducks drop to 3-1.

Senior attack Adam Hughes (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) added two goals and junior midfielder Mike Abbott (Syracuse/Nottingham) recorded a goal and an assist for the Red Dragons. Junior Ben Gaebel (Deferiet/Carthage) made 12 saves.

Stevens was led by sophomore attack Mark Bielicky (Bridgewater, NJ/Bridgewater-Raritan) and sophomore midfielder Alex Richards (Beaverton, OR/Century), who scored two goals apiece. Sophomore netminder Jack Dunderdale (Ridgefield, CT/Immaculate) stopped 12 shots.

Cortland took a 2-0 lead on first-quarter goals by Abbott and Lambert, the latter assisted by Matt O'Connell (Camillus/West Genesee). Bielicky's unassisted goal with 2:04 left in the period drew the Ducks within 2-1.

Stevens was successful on 20-of-23 clears in the game, but two of their failures led directly to Cortland goals in the second quarter. An errant clearing pass from behind the goal by a Stevens defenseman was picked up by Lambert, who scored into an empty net with 6:51 left in the half. A little more than three minutes later, a clearing pass by Dunderdale was knocked down by Hughes, who recovered the ball and deposited it into the open net for a 4-1 Red Dragon lead.

The guests responded, however, with the final two goals of the half. Richards scored an unassisted goal with 2:23 remaining and Bielicky converted an extra-man opportunity, assisted by Joe VanSickle (Hampton, NJ/The Peddie School), with 44 seconds left.

Hughes scored off the first of two assists by sophomore Ryan Simensky (Locust Valley) with 12:37 left, but Stevens stayed within a goal on a Richards goal, set up by John Dolny (Mountain Lakes, NJ), with 6:34 left in the quarter. Cortland took a two-goal lead again with 10:28 left in the game when Lambert scored off a Simensky pass. Stevens once again pulled within a goal on Patrick Bailey's (Manassas, VA/Osborne Park) tally with 7:34 left. Lambert answered with an unassisted goal at the 5:59 mark to put Cortland ahead by two.

Bielecky's shot with 4:24 left that could have closed the gap to a goal bounced off the crossbar. The Red Dragons successfully cleared the ball and maintained possession for about three minutes. Stevens got the ball back with 1:22 left but turned it back over, and Lambert finished the scoring with 1:08 left off an Abbott assist.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):
Stevens Tech: Mark Bielicky 2-0, Alex Richards 2-0, Patrick Bailey 1-0, John Dolny 0-1, Joe VanSickle 0-1  
Cortland: Kyle Lambert 5-0, Adam Hughes 2-0, Mike Abbott 1-1, Ryan Simensky 0-2, Matt O'Connell 0-1

Goalkeepers:
Stevens Tech: Jack Dunderdale, 12 saves, 8 GA in 60:00
Cortland: Ben Gaebel, 12 saves, 5 GA in 60:00

Shots: Cortland 44, Stevens Tech 29  
Ground Balls: Cortland 40, Stevens Tech 34  
Clears: Cortland 18-of-22, Stevens Tech 20-of-23  
Faceoffs Won: Cortland 10, Stevens Tech 7  
Penalties: Cortland 3-2:00, Stevens Tech 5-4:00  
Extra-Man Offense: Cortland 0-5, Stevens Tech 1-3