CANTON, N.Y. -- Joe Gannon, the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Rookie of the Year, scored with just under 20 minutes remaining to give Amherst College of Massachusetts a 1-0 victory over SUNY Cortland in the second round of the NCAA Division III men's soccer tournament at St. Lawrence University. Both teams had received byes into the second round. The Lord Jeffs (13-4-1) will face the host Saints on Sunday in the Northeast Regional finals. Cortland finishes the season 15-6-1, tying a school record for wins in a season.

Gannon started the game-winning play on a breakaway. His low shot was deflected by Cortland freshman goalkeeper Ross Morelli (Rochester/Hilton) and the ball rolled toward the left endline. Carlo Valdesolo retrieved the ball and found Gannon deep in the penalty area for the winning shot.

Cortland appeared to have tied the game in the final minute on a restart just outside the penalty box, but a Red Dragon was called for a foul on Amherst goalkeeper Dan Glenn. One of Cortland's top scoring chances came in the first half on a corner kick, but a shot by senior Jesse Mankowski (Clarence) toward the near post was saved by an Amherst defender and cleared before another scoring chance could be mounted.

Glenn made four saves for his first shutout of the season and Morelli made six saves. Amherst held a slight 17-13 advantage in total shots and Cortland earned six corner kicks to Amherst's three. Cortland was making its second straight NCAA appearance. The Red Dragons lost 2-1 in overtime at RIT last season in the first round of the playoffs.

Men's Soccer

Amherst 1, Cortland 0

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):

Amherst: Joe Gannon 1-0, Carlo Valdesolo 0-1
Cortland: None

Halftime: Cortland 0, Amherst 0
Shots: Amherst 17, Cortland 13
Corner Kicks: Cortland 6, Amherst 3
Saves: Dan Glenn (Amherst) 4 saves (0 GA in 90:00); Ross Morelli (Cortland) 6 saves (1 GA in 90:00)
Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 15-6-1, Amherst (Lord Jeffs) 13-4-1

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