SUNY Cortland Men’s Soccer Red Dragon Classic

Ithaca vs. SUNY Cortland
Saturday, September 6, 2003; Stadium Complex; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 1, Ithaca 0

CORTLAND - Junior Victor Tobar (Newburgh/Newburgh Academy) scored late in the second half and sophomore Ross Morelli (Rochester/Hilton) made three saves to lead the Red Dragons past nationally 14th-ranked Ithaca 1-0 to capture their second straight Red Dragon Classic. Cortland completed the weekend with a 2-0 record and improved to 3-0-1 overall, while the Bombers finished second with a 1-1 mark and fell to 3-1 on the season.

In a game where scoring chances came at a premium, Cortland had the best opportunity to take the lead in the 62nd minute. Tobar gained possession on the right side and unleashed a 25-yard shot that caromed off the crossbar and over the goal.

The Red Dragons finally broke through in the 78th minute. Tobar sent a pass to junior midfielder Aaron Capano (Hyde Park/Franklin D. Roosevelt) outside of Ithaca’s box. Capano returned the pass to Tobar who continued a run inside the right of the box and beat Ithaca junior goalie Ted Meyer (Wallingford/Strath Haven) just inside the right post to the near side.

Pressing for the game-tying score, Ithaca controlled much of the play in the last eight minutes and nearly tied the game with 4:22 remaining. Sophomore Steve Bell (Rockaway, NJ/Morris Hills) blasted a shot from 30 yards out that skipped off the top of the crossbar and out of play. The Bombers continued to pressure, and a late tackle by Cortland senior midfielder Chris Mahigian (Troy/Tamarac) deep in Cortland’s box thwarted a scoring threat with less than a minute to play.

Meyer finished with two saves for the Bombers, while Morelli made several key decisions in goal for the Red Dragons to register his second consecutive shutout.

Morelli was named the tournament Most Valuable Player. Tobar, junior forward Aaron Anderson-Winchell (Bloomingburg/Pine Bush) and sophomore defender Mike Golden Tonawanda/Kenmore East) also represented the Red Dragons on the all-tournament team. Ithaca’s all-tournament selections were senior defender Nick Accomando (Lititz, PA/Lancaster Country Day) and junior midfielders Patrick Ouckama (Ithaca),Benjamin Visnyei (Redding, CT/Joel Barlow) and Kevin McCormick (Endwell/Maine-Endwell).

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Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
  Ithaca: none
  Cortland: Victor Tobar 1-0, Aaron Capano 0-1

Halftime: Cortland 0, Ithaca 0
Shots: Ithaca 12, Cortland 11
Corner Kicks: Ithaca 5, Cortland 3
Saves: Ted Meyer (Ithaca) 2 saves (1 GA in 90:00); Ross Morelli (Cortland) 3 saves (0 GA in 90:00)
Record after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 3-0-1; Ithaca (Bombers) 3-1

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