SUNY Cortland Men’s Soccer

SUNY Geneseo vs. SUNY Cortland
Saturday, September 25, 2004; Stadium Complex; Cortland, NY

FINAL SCORE: Geneseo 1, Cortland 0 (2OT)

CORTLAND, N.Y. - Senior Eric Lauricella (Rochester/Aquinas) scored his first goal of the season five minutes, 12 seconds into the second overtime to lead Geneseo to a 1-0 win over Cortland in men’s SUNYAC soccer action Saturday afternoon at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex. The goal by Lauricella broke a 217:33 scoring drought for the Knights, who played a scoreless tie with Oswego on Friday. The win improved Geneseo’s record to 5-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the SUNYAC, while Cortland fell to 5-5 and 1-1.

Cortland had the first three good scoring chances in the game, all in the opening half. Junior Bill Buith (Franklin Square/Valley Stream) and senior Matt Daum (New Paltz) sent shots just wide left in the 10th and 17th minutes. Freshman Ryan Skibinski’s (Scotia/Scotia-Glenville) header from in close after a serve by sophomore George Morningstar (Rochester/Brighton) was saved by Geneseo senior goalie Chris Stock (Penfield) in the 35th minute.

The Knights generated the best opportunities in the second half. Sophomore Tyler Ferrera (Rochester/Aquinas) was in alone on Cortland junior goalie Sean Trask (Alplaus/Niskayuna), but his 15-yard shot, which got past a charging Trask, slid wide of the left post in the 53rd minute. Senior Andy Rice (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) had a pair of chances, but Trask made a sliding save in the 80th minute and denied Rice’s flick at the left post in the 86th minute, setting up overtime and Lauricella’s heroics.

Neither team generated a good chance in the first extra stanza, but the Knights put steady pressure on the Red Dragons in the second overtime. On a quick counter, Ferrera sent a long ball through the middle to Lauricella who broke in alone on Trask and sent a 10-yard shot high into the goal for the game winner.

Trask finished the game with four saves for the Red Dragons, and Stock stopped five shots for Geneseo, which outshot the Red Dragons 19-12.

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Geneseo: Eric Lauricella 1-0, Tyler Ferrera 0-1
Cortland: none

Halftime: Cortland 0, Geneseo 0
Shots: Geneseo 19, Cortland 12
Corner Kicks: Geneseo 4, Cortland 2
Saves: Chris Stock (Geneseo) 5 (0 GA in 105:12); Sean Trask (Cortland) 4 (1 GA in 105:12)
Record after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 5-5, 1-1 SUNYAC; Geneseo (Knights) 5-2-1, 2-1-1 SUNYAC