SUNY Cortland Men’s Soccer

Saturday, October 1, 2005; Stadium Complex White; Cortland, NY

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 3, Buffalo St. 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. - Junior Vjekoslav Luburic (Pleasantville) converted a penalty kick in the 70th minute to lead the Cortland men’s soccer team to a 3-2 win over Buffalo St. in SUNYAC action Saturday afternoon at the Stadium Complex. The Red Dragons ended a three-game losing streak and improved their record to 6-4 overall and 1-3 in the conference, while the Bengals dropped to 6-3-2 and 2-1-1.

Luburic had two goals in the game for Cortland. Sophomore Steve DePersis (Johnson City) added a goal and junior Ryan Tronovitch (Binghamton/Chenango Forks) and sophomore Eric Reinhardt (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) recorded one assist. Senior goalie Ross Morelli (Rochester/Hilton) made six saves, including five in the second half, to earn the win.

The Bengals received one goal each from senior Rich Gordon (Hamburg) and junior Matt Ketchum (Churchville/Churchville-Chili). Senior Richard Namulala (Kenmore/Kenmore West) and sophomore Joshua Mitchell (Schenectady/South Colonie) registered an assist. Junior goalie Shawn McDonell (West Seneca/West Seneca East) stopped five shots.

Cortland opened up the scoring in the fifth minute. Tronovitch sent a cross into the box from the right side. DePersis one-timed a shot that McDonell saved, but the rebound bounced right back to DePersis, who put a header into the net. Luburic scored his first of the game in the 22nd minute to give Cortland a 2-0 lead. Reinhardt lofted a long throw-in from the right sideline into the top of the box. Luburic ran onto the ball and one-timed an 18-yard shot for his first goal of the season.

The Bengals responded with a pair of goals to close out the half. In the 30th minute, Namulala sent a free kick from the right side through the box. Gordon collected the ball and beat Morelli with a well-placed shot into the upper right corner of the goal. Ketchum then tied the game at 2-2 in the 38th minute. Mitchell rolled a pass to the right post from the left side and Ketchum one-timed a shot from three yards out for his first goal of the season. After the goal, a Cortland player received a red card and the Red Dragons played the final 52:55 a man down.

With Cortland carefully looking for opportunities on counter attacks, junior Cody Healey (Endicott/Union-Endicott) ran onto a pass from junior Dan Dunn (Warwick/Warwick Valley) and beat his defender into the right side off the box with possession. The Buffalo St. player grabbed Healey from behind and was whistled for the foul, leading to the penalty kick. Luburic calmly deposited his shot into the lower left corner of the goal for the game winner.

With 20 minutes still remaining, the Bengals controlled much of the play and pushed forward looking for the gametying effort. The Bengals’ best chance came in the 80th minute when junior Clint Holcomb (Clifton Springs/Victor) had a clean look from 10 yards out after a corner kick. His shot, labeled for the left side, was denied by Morelli.

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Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Buffalo St.: Rich Gordon 1-0, Matt Ketchum 1-0, Richard Namulala 0-1, Joshua Mitchell 0-1
Cortland: Vjekoslav Luburic 2-0, Steve DePersis 1-0, Eric Reinhardt 0-1

Halftime: Cortland 2, Buffalo St. 2
Shots: Buffalo St. 15, Cortland 11
Corner Kicks: Buffalo St. 2, Cortland 1
Fouls: Buffalo St. 16, Cortland 13
Saves: Shawn McDonell (Buffalo St.) 5 (3 GA in 90:00); Ross Morelli (Cortland) 6 (2 GA in 90:00)
Record after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 6-4, 1-3 SUNYAC; Buffalo St. (Bengals) 6-3-2, 2-1-1 SUNYAC

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