SUNY Cortland Men’s Soccer

SUNY Fredonia vs. SUNY Cortland
Friday, September 30, 2005; Holloway Field; Cortland, NY

FINAL SCORE: Fredonia 1, Cortland 0

CORTLAND, N.Y. - Senior Vincenzo Alfieri (Rochester/McQuaid) converted a penalty kick just two minutes, 12 seconds into the game to lead the Fredonia men’s soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Cortland in SUNYAC action Friday afternoon at Holloway Field. With the loss, the Red Dragons fell to 5-4 overall and 0-3 in the conference, while the Blue Devils improved to 9-1-1 and 3-0. The shutout for the Blue Devils was their school-record eighth straight.

Fredonia was awarded the penalty kick when one of their players was tripped on the left side of the box. Alfieri then deposited a shot into the upper right as Cortland senior goalie Sean Trask (Alplaus/Niskayuna) guessed the other side.

After the goal, quality chances were scarce in the physical game. Cortland sophomore Steve DePersis (Johnson City) took a pass from sophomore Eric Reinhardt (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) deep on the right side of the box in the 10th minute. DePersis’ low shot was blocked in the midsection by Fredonia senior goalie Matt Borchard (Williamsville/Williamsville South), who charged off his line to make the play.

In the 41st minute, Trask made a similar play at the left post to deny Blue Devil senior Michael Battisti (Brockport). Early in the second half, Fredonia generated two good opportunities but couldn’t extend the lead. In the 47th minute, Trask stopped freshman Scott Gentner’s (Buffalo/St. Joe’s) shot at the right post, and Cortland sophomore Charlie Dickinson (Endicott/Union-Endicott) headed away junior Matt Mahaffey’s (Lakeview/Frontier) header off a corner kick right at the goal line inside the right post.

Cortland’s best chance in the second half came in the 70th minute. Freshman Peter Degere (West Islip) dribbled past three defenders down the right side and served a ball into the box. DePersis got off a solid header aimed for the upper right corner, but Borchard made the save.

Trask finished the game with six saves, while Borchard stopped five shots.

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Fredonia: Vincenzo Alfieri 1-0
Cortland: none

Halftime: Fredonia 1, Cortland 0
Shots: Fredonia 13, Cortland 8
Corner Kicks: Fredonia 5, Cortland 3
Fouls: Cortland 15, Fredonia 14
Saves: Matt Borchard (Fredonia) 5 (0 GA in 90:00); Sean Trask (Cortland) 6 (1 GA in 90:00)
Record after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 5-4, 0-3 SUNYAC; Fredonia (Blue Devils) 9-1-1, 3-0 SUNYAC