FINAL SCORE: Cortland 76, D'Youville 59

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Michelle Ciquera (Massapequa) scored a career-high 27 points, including 19 in the second half as the Red Dragons rallied from an eight-point deficit to defeat D'Youville, 76-59, in a non-conference matchup. Cortland (18-3) has won seven straight games and 11 of its last 12.

Ciquera barely missed recording a triple-double, finishing with nine rebounds and a career-high tying nine steals. She also distributed five assists. Freshman Andrea Wilkinson (New Paltz) registered a career-best 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting, sophomore Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) scored 11 points and handed out four assists and junior Kristen Egan (Oyster Bay) made all three of her field goal attempts, including two three-pointers, and finished with nine points and a career-high tying seven assists.

The visiting Lady Spartans (3-19) were in position for a possible upset for much of the game, primarily thanks to the play of junior center Tracey Travis. Travis made 13-of-18 shots from the floor and finished with 30 points and 18 rebounds. She scored 20 points in the first half as her team led by as many as 10 points (21-11) early and by five, 35-30, at halftime.

D'Youville's lead was 40-32 after a Michelle Reiner three-pointer 54 seconds into the second half. An 8-0 Cortland run, fueled by six points from Ciquera, tied the game at 40-40 with 16:22 left. The Red Dragons held a 59-53 lead with 6:17 remaining before finishing the game on a 17-6 spurt.