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SUNY Cortland Women’s Basketball

SUNYAC Semifinals
SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Geneseo
Friday, February 27, 2004; Utica Memorial Auditorium; Utica, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 72, Geneseo 58

UTICA, N.Y. – Senior Michelle Ciquera (Massapequa) scored 26 points as Cortland defeated Geneseo, 72-58, in the semifinal round of the SUNYAC women's basketball tournament. The Red Dragons (23-4) will face Oneonta in the championship game Saturday at 4 p.m., with the winner receiving an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III tournament. Cortland will be making its sixth straight appearance in the championship game, but has not won a title since 2000.

Ciquera, the SUNYAC Player of the Year during the regular season, scored 22 of her 27 points in the second half. She concluded the game 9-of-13 from the floor and 6-of-6 from the foul line, and also added eight rebounds, six steals, four steals and two blocked shots.

Sophomore Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) finished with 15 points and junior Deirdre Zimmerman (Almond/Alfred-Almond) made 5-of-5 shots from the floor and ended with 11 points. Freshman Andrea Wilkinson (New Paltz) chipped in with 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

Geneseo (18-9) was led by Felisa Brown’s 19 points and Meghan Magee’s 18 points. Magee hit 6-of-15 shots from three-point range and Brown was 3-of-8 from behind the arc.

Leading 11-6 with 11:37 left in the first half, Cortland went on a 15-0 run to take a 26-6 lead with 8:05 remaining. Zimmerman scored five points and Wilkinson four during the run. The Red Dragons led 34-17 at halftime. With the lead 41-27 at the 15:01 mark of the second half, Ciquera proceeded to score Cortland’s next 12 points as the Red Dragons pushed their lead to 53-29.

The lead was as high as 27 points at 60-33 with 6:26 left before Geneseo made a furious comeback attempt. Magee made five three-pointers and Brown two during a stretch that got the Knights back within 67-58 with 53 seconds left, but they would get no closer.