SUNY Cortland Women’s Basketball

vs. SUNY Institute of Technology; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.
Tuesday, February 3, 2004

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 81, SUNYIT 51

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Michelle Ciquera (Massapequa) scored a career-high 22 points and barely missed a triple-double as Cortland defeated SUNYIT, 81-51.

Ciquera also finished the game with 11 rebounds, eight assists and five steals. After missing her first shot attempt, she connected on her final nine field goals of the half and had 18 points at the break. The streak ended when her first attempt of the second half missed the mark.

Sophomore Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) added 21 points for the Red Dragons (14-3, 8-1 SUNYAC), 14 in the second half. She made 5-of-7 three-pointers. Cortland was successful on 11-of-20 three-pointers in the game. The Red Dragons fell one three-pointer short of the school single-game record 12 set on two previous occasions, including once last season. Junior Karen Thompson (Ulysses, PA/Northern Potter) finished the game with a career-high five assists and matched her career best as a Red Dragon with five rebounds.

Jessica Skelton led SUNYIT (4-14, 2-7 SUNYAC) with 23 points and 10 rebounds. She entered the game as the SUNYAC’s leading scorer at 14.6 points per contest.

Both teams shot very well to start the game. Cortland made six of its first seven shots and 16 of its first 21 from the floor. SUNYIT made five of its first seven shots and nine of its first 14 attempts. The Wildcats only trailed 28-23 after Skelton a three-pointer with 8:25 left in the half.

Cortland, though, rattled off the next 13 points, including six by Ciquera, to take a 41-23 lead with 3:47 left. The Red Dragon lead was 41-25 at halftime and grew to as much as 35 points in the second half. Cortland shot 57 percent in the first half (17-of-30) and 44 percent for the game.