SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNYAC Semifinals
SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Brockport
Friday, February 25, 2005; Utica Memorial Auditorium; Utica, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Brockport 62, Cortland 53

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Kim Schlegel (Red Creek) and freshman Ashley Broadhurst (Sauquoit/Utica Notre Dame) each scored 15 points as second-seeded Brockport defeated third-seeded Cortland, 62-53, in the SUNYAC women's basketball semifinals. Brockport (17-9) will play Oswego in the league championship game Saturday at 1 p.m. Cortland finishes its season with a 19-7 record while having its streak of six straight SUNYAC title game appearances snapped.

Senior Deirdre Zimmerman (Almond/Alfred-Almond) led Cortland with 13 points, three assists and three steals and junior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) finished with 11 points. Freshman Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) tallied 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Broadhurst also finished with seven assists and made all 10 of her free throws for Brockport. Sophomore Katie Marcella (Schenectady/Guilderland) finished with nine points, 13 rebounds and five assists.

Cortland led 16-11 with 10:49 left in the first half on a Chrissy DeHay (Clay/Cicero-North Syracuse) layup and still held a 19-15 lead on Andrea Wilkinson's (New Paltz) three-pointer with 7:50 left. The Golden Eagles, however, finished the half on an 15-2 run, including five points each by Marcella and junior Lauren Evans (Auburn), and led 30-21 at halftime. The Golden Eagles also held Cortland off the board for the first 5:32 of the second half and led by as many as 15 points with 11:15 left.

Cortland rallied over the next 5:15 to cut the deficit to six, 45-39, with six minutes left. Schlegel's three-point play at the 5:41 mark and a three-pointer by Courtney Hines (Johnstown) with 3:39 left on her only shot attempt of the game, however, pushed the Brockport lead back to 12. The lead stayed at least seven the rest of the game.

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