SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Buffalo State
Friday, Feb. 11, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 63, Buffalo St. 50

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Junior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) scored 18 points and classmate Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) added 16 points and eight rebounds as Cortland pulled away late to defeat Buffalo State, 63-50, in SUNYAC action.

Freshman Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) chipped in with 12 points, four blocked shots and four assists and sophomore Andrea Wilkinson (New Paltz) finished with four assists, five steals and five rebounds for the Red Dragons (16-5, 10-3). Sophomore Kerry Costello (Katonah/John Jay) shared game-high rebounding honors with eight.

Buffalo State (8-14, 5-8) was led by junior Jacey Brooks (Machias/Franklinville), who provided nearly half of the team’s points. The SUNYAC’s leading scorer at more than 16 points per game, Brooks finished with 23 points and three assists. Sophomore Darnika Moseley (Liverpool) added nine points and five rebounds and sophomore Amanda Benoit (Deerfield/Whitesboro) grabbed a team-high six rebounds.

The guests held a 20-17 lead on a three-pointer by Brooks with 3:46 left in the first half. The Red Dragons, however, finished the period on a 12-0 run, fueled by five Bengals turnovers. Wilkinson scored six of her eight points during that stretch, including a layup with five seconds left to give Cortland a 29-20 lead.

Trailing 31-22, Buffalo State used seven straight points by Brooks to close to within 31-29 with 15:33 left. The Red Dragons pushed their lead to 10 points, 45-35, with 7:40 left, but Brooks responded with five of the Bengals’ next seven points to cut the deficit to 45-42.

The Bengals were within four points on two Toya Parks (Brooklyn/Martin Luther King) free throws with four minutes remaining. A Kristen Egan (Oyster Bay) layup with 3:35 left, a Cavanaugh three-pointer at the 3:02 mark and Maye jumper with 2:22 left gave Cortland an 11-point lead, however, to seal the victory. Buffalo State’s only field goal in the last four minutes was a layup with 15 seconds left to conclude the scoring.

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