SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Elmira College
Tuesday, November 23, 2004; Speidel Gymnasium; Elmira, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 66, Elmira 60

ELMIRA, N.Y. – Cortland rallied from a 14-point first half deficit to defeat host Elmira College, 66-60, in a non-league contest. The Red Dragons improved to 2-1 with the win. The Soaring Eagles are now 1-2.

Junior Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) scored 10 of her team-high 14 points in the second half. She also finished with five steals and four rebounds. Freshman Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) added 12 points, seven rebounds and three steals off the bench. Junior Chrissy DeHay (Clay/Cicero-North Syracuse) and sophomore Andrea Wilkinson (New Paltz) each scored 11 points.

Elmira was led by Kourtney Troutman's 15 points and five steals. Sarah Cote scored nine points and Bridget Catanese added eight points and eight rebounds.

The hosts led 33-19 with five minutes, 12 seconds left in the first half. The Red Dragons finished the half on a 9-3 run, led by DeHay's five points and Maye's four, to pull within 36-28 at the break. A quick basket put Elmira up 10 to start the second half, but Wilkinson's five points sparked a 9-0 run that drew the Red Dragons back within 38-37 with 16:11 left.

Cortland tied the game on senior Kristen Egan's (Oyster Bay) basket at the 14:59 mark and took the lead for good on sophomore Liz Cornell's (Union Springs) layup with 13:43 remaining. Cortland's lead eventually grew to eight points (51-43) on DeHay's jumper with 9:34 left. Elmira fought back to within a point with 5:40 left, but junior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) responded with a three-pointer at the 4:52 mark. Maye hit a layup with 4:16 left, and her conventional three-point play 26 seconds later gave Cortland a 65-56 lead.

Egan led the Red Dragons with nine rebounds and four assists. Cortland shot only 36 percent from the floor in the first half, but recovered to shoot 49 percent in the second half and finished at 43 percent for the game. Elmira started the game with 50 percent shooting in the first 20 minutes, but was held to 27 percent in the second half.

Cortland will host Oneonta on Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the SUNYAC opener for both teams. Cortland defeated Oneonta in last year's SUNYAC tournament championship game.

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