SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Oswego
Friday, Jan. 28, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 74, Oswego 64

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Freshman Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) scored a career-high 25 points, including 11 during a crucial three-minute second-half stretch, as Cortland defeated SUNYAC leader Oswego, 74-64. The win came just five days after Oswego had beaten the Red Dragons by seven points in Oswego. Cortland is now 12-4 overall, 6-2 in league play, while Oswego slips to 13-2 overall and 7-2 in the conference.

Cavanaugh made 10-of-13 shots from the field and also recorded seven rebounds, three assists, three steals and three blocked shots. Junior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) scored 15 points, recorded a career-best five steals and matched her career high with seven assists. Senior Kristen Egan (Oyster Bay) added seven points, six assists and five rebounds and junior Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) made all three of her first-half three-point attempts and finished with nine points.

Sophomore Kelly Mraz (Johnstown) and freshman Sarah Lombard (Saratoga Springs) led Oswego with 13 points each. Mraz also recorded five assists and three steals and Lombard grabbed six rebounds. Sophomore Lacey Kimpland (Fulton/G. Ray Bodley) added 11 points and senior Kristin Sterling (Oneida) finished with nine points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Cortland shot 57 percent from the floor (25-of-44), including 60 percent (12-of-20) in the second half. The Red Dragons made 7-of-10 three-pointers in the first half and finished 7-of-13 from behind the arc.

Treys by Maye, Egan, VanDusen and Cavanaugh helped Cortland take a 22-9 lead midway through the first half. Oswego trailed 31-21 with 3:58 left but scored nine straight points, including five by senior Sally Shuster (East Amherst/Sacred Heart), to close within 31-30 with 1:37 remaining.

The Red Dragons led 38-32 at halftime, but Oswego fought back and took its only lead of the game at 46-44 on a Mraz three-pointer with 14:15 remaining. Sophomore Andrea Wilkinson’s (New Paltz) layup tied the game and senior Deirdre Zimmerman (Almond/Alfred-Almond) hit a layup to give Cortland the lead for good at 48-46 with 12:56 left.

Cavanaugh then took over, scoring 11 of Cortland’s next 13 points in a 2:11 span to give the Red Dragons a 61-54 lead with 9:08 left. Oswego pushed to as close as 67-64 on a Kimpland three-pointer with 2:34 remaining, but the hosts scored the final seven points, four by Zimmerman.

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