SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Elmira College
Tuesday, November 22, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 71, Elmira 55

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) scored 17 of her game-high 20 points in the second half as Cortland held off an Elmira rally and pulled away for a 71-55 victory over the Soaring Eagles in a non-league matchup. The Red Dragons, playing their home opener, improved to 2-1. Elmira slips to 0-3.

VanDusen also finished with five rebounds and four assists. Freshman Ali Canale (Oswego) added eight points and eight rebounds, senior Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) scored eight points and freshman Megan Assmus (Syosset) registered seven points, six assists, four steals and five rebounds.

Elmira was paced by sophomore Kourtney Troutman's (South Dayton/Pine City) 13 points and three steals. She made 3-of-7 three-pointers. Junior Rachel Bliss (Cooperstown) scored 10 points on 4-of-5 shooting.

Cortland jumped out to a 13-0 lead less than eight minutes into the game and never trailed. The Red Dragons led 21-2 with 8:59 left in the period, but Elmira reduced the deficit to single digits and was within 34-25 at halftime.

Cortland pushed the lead back to as many as 20 points at 47-27 with 15:17 left in the game, but the Soaring Eagles went on a 12-0 run over the next 3:22, including 10 straight points by Troutman, and were within 47-39 with 11:55 remaining. Elmira eventually got as close as 53-50 on a Bliss layup with 6:34 left, but freshman Maggie Byrne (Pearl River/Albertus Magnus) answered with a three-pointer to start a 14-0 Cortland run to put the game away. VanDusen scored seven straight points during the decisive streak.

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