SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Fredonia
Saturday, February 18, 2006; Steele Hall; Fredonia, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Fredonia 60, Cortland 54

FREDONIA, N.Y. – Sophomore guard Maria Scaffidi (Buffalo/Holy Angels) scored 21 points, including two big baskets in the final two minutes, as Fredonia snapped Cortland’s 16-game winning streak with a 60-54 upset win over the SUNYAC-leading Red Dragons.

Fredonia improved to 16-8 with the win, tying the school single-season win record. The previous mark was set during the 1991-92 season. The Blue Devils finish 11-5 in the SUNYAC and will play at Geneseo in the league tournament quarterfinals Tuesday. Cortland, which had its bid for an unbeaten league record spoiled, completes the regular season 21-3 overall and 15-1 in the conference. The Red Dragons are the top seed in the league tournament and will host New Paltz in the quarterfinals Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Sophomore guard Cheryl Kindzia (Williamsville/Williamsville North) added 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals for the Blue Devils.

Cortland was led by senior Kaylin VanDusen’s (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) 21 points along with 16 points from freshman Megan Assmus (Syosset). Senior Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds and sophomore Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) added seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Fredonia used a 10-2 run to extend a 20-16 lead to 30-18 late in the first half. Assmus, who finished 4-of-6 from three-point range, hit a trey with 22 seconds left to cut Cortland’s halftime deficit to 30-21. The hosts led by 14 points three minutes into the second half before the Red Dragons slowly clawed their way back. Maye’s three-point play with 5:19 left brought Cortland within 48-46, but Kindzia returned the favor with a three-point play with 4:10 left to increase the lead to five.

Cortland got back within three points on two other occasions, the last at 53-50 on an Assmus layup with 2:35 remaining. Fredonia hit a free throw with 2:21 left and, after a Cortland missed three-pointer, Scaffidi hit a 15-footer and a driving layup on consecutive possessions to give the Blue Devils a 58-50 lead with 1:19 left. The Red Dragons were unable to get any closer than six after that.

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