SUNY Cortland Women’s Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Geneseo
Friday, January 27, 2006; Kuhl Gymnasium; Geneseo, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 68, Geneseo 51

GENESEO, N.Y. – Sophomore Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) scored a career-high 34 points and also recorded 15 rebounds, three assists and two blocks in just 29 minutes of action as Cortland defeated Geneseo, 68-51, to stay unbeaten in SUNYAC play. The Red Dragons, winners of nine straight, are 14-2 overall and 9-0 in league play. Geneseo drops to 9-7 and 4-3.

Cavanaugh made 13-of-20 shots from the floor, including 4-of-7 three-pointers. She scored 21 points in the second half. Her point total is the sixth-highest single-game effort in school history and the best since Sarah Bouley netted a school-record 38 points at Ithaca during the 1993-94 season.

Freshman Maggie Byrne (Pearl River/Albertus Magnus) finished with 10 points and three assists off the bench and senior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) totaled seven points, six steals, six rebounds and four assists. Freshman Ali Canale (Oswego) added seven rebounds.

Annie Verdino led Geneseo with 17 points and 12 rebounds. She was the Knights’ lone double-figure scorer. Amanda Haney, Jamie Scordino and Bridget Riley scored seven points apiece and Lydia Reed handed out five assists.

Leading 18-17, Cortland finished the final three minutes of the first half on an 8-2 run to take a 26-19 lead. Cavanaugh scored the first seven points of that run. The Red Dragons quickly extended their lead to 10 points on a Cavanaugh trey 30 seconds into the second half. Geneseo got within single-digits only two more times, the last at 48-39 on a Reed layup with 8:46 to go. Cavanaugh responded with a three-pointer at the 7:29 mark that put her at the 30-point mark.

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