SUNY Cortland Women's Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. Ithaca College
Tuesday, December 6, 2005; Ben Light Gymnasium; Ithaca, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 56, Ithaca 54

ITHACA, N.Y. – Senior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) hit a layup at the buzzer to give Cortland a 56-54 non-league victory at Ithaca College. The Red Dragons improve to 5-1 with their fourth straight victory. The Bombers are now 0-4.

Sophomore Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) led Cortland with 18 points and a career-high 18 rebounds. Freshman Megan Assmus (Syosset) added 11 points and four assists and VanDusen finished with 10 points.

Ithaca was led by senior Jill Post's (Oxford) 24 points and eight rebounds. Senior Megan Micho (Syracuse/Westhill) recorded 10 points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Cortland led by as many as 17 points in the first half, held a 38-24 halftime lead and was still up 12 at 46-34 on a Cavanaugh layup with 12:30 left. Ithaca, however, went on a 15-1 run over the next eight minutes and took a 49-47 lead on a Sue Kelly (Delmar/Bethlehem) three-pointer with 4:34 left. The Bombers’ lead grew to 54-49 with 2:22 remaining on a Post layup.

Cavanaugh responded with a layup at the 2:03 mark and tied the game with her lone three-pointer of the night with 56 seconds left. Each team missed a shot on its next possession, and Ithaca called a timeout for a potential game-winning shot, but freshman Ali Canale (Oswego) stole the ball, dribbled toward midcourt and sent a pass downcourt that VanDusen converted for the winning basket just as time expired. Canale finished the game with four assists, three steals and four rebounds.

Cortland shot 47 percent from three-point range in the game (8-of-17), including 3-of-4 marksmanship by Assmus. The Red Dragons struggled from inside the arc, though, making only 10-of-35 two-pointers. Ithaca was held to 21 percent shooting from the field in the first half, but bounced back to shoot 45 percent in the second half.

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