SUNY Cortland Women’s Basketball

SUNYAC Quarterfinals
SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY New Paltz
Tuesday, February 21, 2006; Whitney T. Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 66, New Paltz 51

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Dani Maye (Kirkwood/Windsor) scored 11 points and junior Erin Dabe (Selden/Newfield) finished with a Cortland career-best 10 points as the Red Dragons defeated New Paltz, 66-51, in the quarterfinal round of the SUNYAC tournament.

Top-seeded Cortland improves to 22-3 and will face fourth-seeded Geneseo in the semifinals Friday at 8 p.m. at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. The Red Dragons, who extended their home court win streak to 24 games, will be making their 11th consecutive semifinal showing. New Paltz (10-16) was making its fourth SUNYAC tournament appearance and second in three years.

Maye also finished with three steals and two blocked shots, and Dabe made 5-of-7 field goals in just 13 minutes of action. Freshman Maggie Byrne (Pearl River/Albertus Magnus) scored nine points, freshman Megan Assmus (Syosset) recorded eight points, five assists and four steals and sophomore Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) scored seven points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

Junior Kerri Kelty (Valley Stream) paced New Paltz with 17 points. Junior Kristin Jackson (East Islip) scored nine points and sophomore Amber Sohns (Delhi/Delaware Academy) finished with team-highs of eight rebounds, four assists and two blocks.

Cortland went on a 17-2 run, including eight points by Dabe, over a nine-minute span in the first half to turn a 9-7 lead into a 24-9 margin. The Red Dragons led 41-19 at halftime and led 51-21 seven minutes into the second half. New Paltz reduced the lead under 20 with 4:50 left and was within 60-44 with 2:55 to go. A three-pointer for the Hawks at the buzzer created the final 15-point margin.

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