SUNY Cortland Women’s Basketball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Oneonta
Tuesday, January 10, 2006; Dewar Arena; Oneonta, N.Y.

**FINAL SCORE: Cortland 51, Oneonta 44**

ONEONTA, N.Y. – Senior Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) scored 19 points, including the final six points of the game, as Cortland stayed unbeaten in SUNYAC play with a 51-44 win at Oneonta. The Red Dragons are now 8-2 overall and 3-0 in league play. Oneonta is 8-4 and 2-2.

Sophomore Sara Cavanaugh (Hastings-on-Hudson/Hastings) added 11 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots for Cortland, which held Oneonta to 13 percent shooting from the field in the second half and 22 percent for the game. Freshman Maggie Byrne (Pearl River/Albertus Magnus) grabbed nine rebounds, freshman Megan Assmus (Syosset) finished with four assists and four rebounds and VanDusen added six rebounds.

Oneonta was led by freshman Shannon Weir’s (Oneonta/Milford) 14 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Junior Melissa Donohue (Niverville/Milford) scored eight points off the bench.

Oneonta led 28-21 with 2:47 left in the first half, but baskets by freshman Kristin Ciccone (Long Beach) and junior Kerry Costello (Katonah/John Jay), along with a put-back layup by VanDusen at the buzzer, closed the lead to 28-27 at halftime. Cortland led by five points on two occasions early in the second half, but the hosts rallied and took a 37-35 lead on a Donohue layup with 10:46 left.

Trailing 41-40, Cortland took the lead for good on a Cavanaugh jumper, set up by VanDusen, with 3:30 on the clock. VanDusen nailed a trey with 2:40 left to up the lead to four, but Weir’s three-pointer with 1:55 left brought Oneonta back within a point.

VanDusen hit a jumper with 1:31 left to give Cortland a 47-44 lead. The Red Dragons held Oneonta on its next two possessions and VanDusen’s layup off an Assmus feed with 20 seconds left pushed the lead to five. VanDusen finished the scoring with a pair of free throws with seven seconds left and now has 971 career points.

Cortland won despite committing 21 turnovers to Oneonta’s 11. The Red Dragons shot 34 percent from the field and outrebounded Oneonta by a 53-42 margin.

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