FINAL SCORE: Buffalo State 3, Cortland 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Sophomore goalie Crissy Michalek (West Seneca/Buffalo Saints) made 34 saves to lead the Buffalo State women's hockey team to a 3-1 non-league win over Cortland Saturday afternoon at Alumni Arena. With the win, the Bengals split the weekend series and are 1-1 on the season, while the Red Dragons are also 1-1.

Two of the three Buffalo State goals were scored on the power play, with the first giving the Bengals a 1-0 lead at 10:08 of the first period. Sophomore Maddy Loftus (Parsippany, NJ/Pittsburgh Firebirds) won a faceoff back to senior Nicole Jewell (Lake Fenton, MI/Honeybaked), who shot from the point. Sophomore Amanda Uschold (Rochester/Rochester Edge) deflected the shot past Cortland senior goalie Rachel Hutchinson (Canton/Postadam Silver Blades) for her second goal of the season. Cortland tied the game at 16:16 of the first period on a two-on-one break. Freshman Judy Ellis (Saratoga Springs/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) carried the puck over the blue line and feathered a pass to sophomore Caitlin Fusco (Rochester/Rochester edge) who beat Michalek with a one-time shot.

After a scoreless second period, Buffalo State scored two early goals and effectively killed penalties to secure the win. Senior Jennifer Downey (Freeville/Ithaca Stars) scored the game winner at 2:49 on the power play when her shot deflected off a Cortland defender's skate and past Hutchinson. Sophomore Tara Ostempowski (Lancaster/Buffalo Bisons) added an insurance goal less than two minutes later when she stole a cross-ice pass at her own blue line, skated in alone on Hutchinson and beat her with a low shot.

The Bengals needed to kill a Cortland two-man advantage for 1:13 shortly after Ostempowski's goal and a six-on-five power play midway through the period to earn the win. Hutchinson registered 22 saves in goal for the Red Dragons, who outshot Buffalo State 35-25 in the game.

(Summary and goal-by-goal scoring on next page)
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Score by periods:
Buffalo St. 1-0-2 3
Cortland 1-0-0 1

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Buffalo State: Jennifer Downey 1-0, Tara Ostempowski 1-0, Amanda Uschold 1-0, Kim Costanzo 0-1, Nicole Jewell 0-1, Maddy Loftus 0-1, Emma Wadsworth 0-1
Cortland: Caitlin Fusco 1-0, Judy Ellis 0-1

Saves: Crissy Michalek (Buffalo State) 34 saves (1 GA in 60:00); Rachel Hutchinson (Cortland) 22 saves (3 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Cortland 35 (14-14-7), Buffalo State 25 (12-6-7)

Penalties: Buffalo State 7-14:00, Cortland 4-8:00

Power Play: Buffalo State 2-4, Cortland 0-7

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 1-0; Buffalo St. (Bengals)

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