SUNY Cortland Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Elmira College; Wednesday, February 18, 2004
Alumni Ice Arena; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Elmira 5, Cortland 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Junior Laura Hurd (Kingston, ON/Williston-Northampton) scored two goals, including a key short-handed effort in the third period, and added a pair of assists to lead nationally fourth-ranked Elmira to a 5-1 ECAC West conference win over Cortland in women’s ice hockey Wednesday night at Alumni Arena. The Soaring Eagles improved to 16-7-1 overall and 10-2 in the conference, while the Red Dragons fell to 6-16-1 and 3-7 and had their bid for the fourth and final ECAC West playoff spot come to an end.

Elmira jumped ahead 1-0 just 53 seconds into the game when junior Sarah Fewchuk (Sault Ste. Marie, ON/Sault Ste. Marie Wildcats) collected her own rebound in the slot and beat Cortland junior goalie Kelly Fillmore (Columbia Heights, MN/Bethel College) with a screen shot. The Red Dragons, however, evened the game at 1-1 at 13:30 of the opening stanza on junior Lindsay Davies’ (Pittsford/Rochester Americans) power-play goal just eight seconds after Cortland had the man advantage. Davies knocked a rebound past Elmira junior goalie Kristin Lillie (Sault Ste. Marie, ON/Sault Ste. Marie Wildcats) at the left side of the goal. Freshman Judy Ellis (Saratoga Springs/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) and sophomore Dani Blanchard (Clarksville/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) assisted on the score.

The tie was short-lived as the Soaring Eagles responded with a power-play goal just two minutes, 20 seconds later off the stick of junior Shannon Fong (Burnaby, BC/Burnaby). Hurd controlled the puck behind the Cortland net and fed Fong in the slot, who had skated in the zone off the bench.

Elmira scored the only goal of the second period as Fillmore kept the game close, making 19 saves in the period. Hurd netted her team-high 18th of the season at 16:25, jamming the puck under Fillmore for a 3-1 lead.

The turning point of the game came on Hurd’s short-handed goal at 7:42 of the third period. With the Red Dragons on the power play, junior Charissa Gawant (Sault Ste. Marie, ON/Pomfret Academy) had her original shot from down low stopped by Fillmore, but Hurd knocked the puck out of the air and into the net before Cortland’s goalie could glove the loose puck. Gawant completed the scoring at 12:54 off assists from Hurd and sophomore Jaclyn O’Neil (Oshawa, ON/Beatrice Aeros).

Fillmore registered 40 saves for Cortland, while Lillie stopped 11 shots for the Soaring Eagles. The Red Dragons wrap up their season with a pair of conference games at Buffalo State this weekend.

(Summary and goal-by-goal scoring on next page)
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Score by periods:
Elmira 2-1-2 5
Cortland 1-0-0 1

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
**Elmira:** Laura Hurd 2-2, Charissa Gawant 1-1, Shannon Fong 1-0, Sarah Fewchuk 1-0, Jaclyn O’Neil 0-2
**Cortland:** Lindsay Davies 1-0, Dani Blanchard 0-1, Judy Ellis 0-1

Saves: Kristin Lillie (Elmira) 11 saves (1 GA in 60:00); Kelly Fillmore (Cortland) 40 saves (5 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Elmira 45 (12-20-13), Cortland 12 (6-2-4)

Penalties: Elmira 4-8:00, Cortland 2-4:00

Power Play: Elmira 1-1, Cortland 1-3

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 6-16-1, 3-7 ECAC West; Elmira (Soaring Eagles) 16-7-1, 10-2 ECAC West

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