SUNY Cortland Women's Ice Hockey
vs. Utica College; Wednesday, February 4, 2004
Alumni Ice Arena; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 3, Utica 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Senior Leanne Scott (Brockport/Perinton Lady Blades) scored the game-winning goal in the third period and junior goalie Kelly Fillmore (Columbia Heights, MN/Bethel College) turned aside 38 shots to lead the Cortland women's ice hockey team to a thrilling 3-2 win over Utica College in an ECAC West matchup Wednesday night at Alumni Arena. With the win, the Red Dragons improved to 4-13-1 overall and 1-6 in conference play, while the Pioneers fell to 10-8-1 and 3-5.

Utica opened the scoring just 54 seconds into the game on sophomore Kristi Bland’s (South Lyon, MI/Honeybaked) 13th goal of the season. Bland took a pass from freshman Stephanie Price (River Rouge, MI/Little Caesars) at center ice, skated into Cortland’s zone and beat Fillmore with a shot through her pads. Freshman Deanna Wiegand (Utica, MI/Belle Tire) also assisted on the score.

The Red Dragons evened the score at 1-1 at 7:32 of the second period. Freshman Judy Ellis (Saratoga Springs/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) set up sophomore Dani Blanchard (Clarksville/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) at the right side of the Pioneers’ net, but Blanchard’s shot was saved by Utica freshman goalie Stephanie Yates (Garden Grove, CA/California Selects). Junior Lindsay Davies (Pittsford/Rochester Americans) jumped on the rebound and knocked the puck in for her sixth goal of the season. Ellis’ assist on the play was her 14th of the season and tied the single-season school record since the program was re-instated in 2000.

Cortland took its first lead five minutes later on the power play. Junior Mary Ann Knott (Levittown/Dix Hills Rebels) tucked a rebound into an open net after junior Melissa Manning’s (Syracuse/Syracuse Stars) deflection was saved by Yates. Scott registered the second assist on the score.

Sophomore Michelle Tesoro (Dedham, MA/Charles River) pulled the Pioneers even at 2-2 at the one minute mark of the third period after she collected a turnover inside of Cortland’s blue line and sent a shot over Fillmore. Scott answered quickly for the Red Dragons, however, flipping a backhand shot over Yates after a save of freshman Amanda McCann’s (Kennewick, WA/Portland Jr. Hawks) original shot at 2:23. Junior Tara Caley (North Salem/Pawling 19U) also assisted on the goal.

The Pioneers continued to pressure the Red Dragons, but Fillmore made a series of outstanding saves to hold the lead. Utica registered 17 shots in the second period, all stopped by Fillmore, and 16 shots in the final 20 minutes. Utica pulled Yates, who made 17 saves, with 53 seconds remaining and held the puck in Cortland’s zone, but couldn’t net the equalizer as Fillmore was up to the task.

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Score by periods:
Utica 1-0-1 2
Cortland 0-2-1 3

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Utica: Kristi Bland 1-0, Michelle Tesoro 1-0, Stephanie Price 0-1, Deanna Wiegand 0-1
Cortland: Leanne Scott 1-1, Lindsay Davies 1-0, MaryAnn Knott 1-0, Melissa Manning 0-1, Dani Blanchard 0-1, Tara Caley 0-1, Judy Ellis 0-1, Amanda McCann 0-1

Saves: Stephanie Yates (Utica) 17 saves (3 GA in 59:07), Empty Net :53; Kelly Fillmore (Cortland) 38 saves (2 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Utica 40 (7-17-16), Cortland 20 (7-8-5)

Penalties: Utica 4-8:00, Cortland 3-6:00

Power Play: Utica 0-3, Cortland 1-4

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 4-13-1, 1-6 ECAC West; Utica (Pioneers) 10-8-1, 3-5 ECAC West