SUNY Cortland Women's Ice Hockey

vs. Buffalo St.; Sunday, February 20, 2005
Alumni Ice Arena; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 4, Buffalo St. 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Senior MaryAnn Knott (Levittown/Dix Hills Rebels) scored the game-winning goal on a rebound in the third period to help lift the Cortland women's ice hockey team to a 4-1 win over Buffalo St. Sunday afternoon in women's ECAC West action. With the win, the Red Dragons improved to 9-11 overall and 4-8 in the conference, while the Bengals fell to 3-13-1 and 0-10. The game was Cortland's final regular-season contest. The Red Dragons finish their season with a pair of exhibition games versus Michigan State at home next Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Knott finished the game with a goal and an assist, and sophomore Judy Ellis (Saratoga Springs/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) and freshmen Kelly Crumb (Pittsford/Rochester Edge) and Tricia Silvestri (Horsham, PA/Philadelphia Little Flyers) each scored once. Freshman Tiffany Wixom (Victor/Rochester Edge) made 17 saves in goal for the Red Dragons.

Freshman Sarah Kelly (Portland, ME/Tilton School) netted the Bengals' goal off an assist from sophomore Mal Nutting (Gardiner, ME/Gardiner). Junior Rachel Bennett (Howell, MI/SUNY Plattsburgh) turned aside 23 shots in goal.

After a scoreless first period, Buffalo St. took a 1-0 lead at 6:02 of the second period when Kelly stuffed the puck past Wixom in a crowd near the crease. Cortland tied the game just three minutes, 10 seconds later. While playing shorthanded, Crumb intercepted a pass inside her own blue line, skated in alone on Bennett and beat her with a high shot inside the left post over her glove hand.

Knott netted the game winner at 7:46 of the third. After setting up freshman Erin Fleury's (Queensbury/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) original shot on a two-on-one, Knott knocked in a rebound right in front. Ellis added an insurance goal on the power play at 12:52 with a one-timer and Silvestri completed the scoring at 17:11 when she stuffed in a rebound after Bennett made a save on freshman Janie Byrd's (Auburn/Ithaca Shooting Stars) point shot.

(Summary and goal-by-goal scoring on next page)
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Score by periods:
Buffalo St.  0-1-0  1
Cortland     0-1-3  4

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Buffalo St.: Sarah Kelly 1-0, Mal Nutting 0-1
Cortland: MaryAnn Knott 1-1, Kelly Crumb 1-0, Judy Ellis 1-0, Tricia Silvestri 1-0, Erin Fleury 0-1, Lindsay Davies 0-1, Dani Blanchard 0-1, Janie Byrd 0-1

Saves: Rachel Bennett (Buffalo St.) 23 saves (4 GA in 60:00); Tiffany Wixom (Cortland) 17 saves (1 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Buffalo St. 18 (4-8-6), Cortland 27 (4-8-15)

Penalties: Buffalo St. 5-10:00, Cortland 5-10:00

Power Play: Buffalo St. 0-4, Cortland 1-4

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 9-11, 4-8 ECAC West; Buffalo St. (Bengals) 3-13-1, 0-10 ECAC West

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