SUNY Cortland Women's Ice Hockey

Cortland vs. UMass Boston
Friday, January 20, 2006; Boston, Mass.

FINAL SCORE: UMass Boston 5, Cortland 3

BOSTON, MASS. — Andrea Ciarletta scored three times, including twice to break a 3-3 third-period tie, as UMass Boston defeated Cortland, 5-3, in the opening game of a two-game, non-league weekend series. The teams will meet again in Boston on Saturday at noon.

Sophomore Tricia Silvestri (Horsham, PA/Philadelphia Little Flyers), freshman Heather Crowley (Brasher Falls/National Sports Academy) and sophomore Kelly Crumb (Pittsford/Rochester Edge) scored goals and sophomore Olivia Nuzzo (Brooklyn/St. Anselm College) made 44 saves for Cortland (4-10-1).

Melissa Belmonte finished with a goal and an assist and Shannon Palmer made 26 saves for the host Beacons (9-4-1), who have won nine of their last 10 games.

Belmonte started the scoring three minutes, 17 seconds into the first period as her shot just snuck past Nuzzo, but Cortland responded with goals by Silvestri and Crowley over the next seven minutes to take a 2-1 lead. Junior Cailin O’Hara (Rochester/Clarkson Univ.) assisted on Silvestri’s goal, while junior Judy Ellis (Saratoga Springs/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) and senior Dani Blanchard (Clarksville/Troy-Albany Ice Cats) picked up assists on Crowley’s goal.

The Beacons tied the game on an Audrey Deguire goal with 4:02 left in the first and took the lead on the only goal of the second period, a power play shot by Ciarletta from the right circle with 9:49 left.

Cortland knotted the game at 3-3 just 40 seconds into the third period when freshman Julie Freeland (Lewiston/Buffalo Bisons) found Crumb in front of the net. Ciarletta, however, answered 31 seconds later to give the lead back to UMass Boston, and she added an insurance tally about six minutes later for her 17th goal of the season.

Cortland had a power play opportunity with 2:05 left. The Red Dragons pulled Nuzzo with 40 seconds remaining for an extra attacker, and also gained an advantage after another UMass Boston penalty with 15 seconds left, but couldn’t convert.

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Score by periods:
Cortland 2-0-1  3
UMass Boston 2-1-2  5

Scoring Summary (Goals-Assists):
Cortland: Tricia Silvestri 1-0, Heather Crowley 1-0, Kelly Crumb 1-0, Julie Freeland 0-1, Cailin O’Hara 0-1, Dani Blanchard 0-1, Judy Ellis 0-1
UMass Boston: Andrea Ciarletta 3-0, Melissa Belmonte 1-2, Audrey Deguire 1-0, Maria Guanci 0-2, Casey Turner 0-1, Katherine Wall 0-1, Kristin Wilson 0-1

Saves: Olivia Nuzzo (Cortland) 44 saves (5 GA in 59:20), Empty Net for 0:40; Shannon Palmer (UMB) 26 saves (3 GA in 60:00)

Shots on Goal: Cortland 29 (7-8-14), UMass Boston 49 (15-19-15)

Penalties: Cortland 7-14:00, UMass Boston 8-16:00

Power Play: Cortland 0-7, UMass Boston 1-5

Records after game: Cortland (Red Dragons) 4-10-1; UMass Boston (Beacons) 9-4-1

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