Season Preview

Second-year head coach Jen Kroleski has streamlined her roster for the 2006-07 season. Nineteen players will suit up for the Red Dragons this campaign, including 12 returnees and seven newcomers. Broken down by position, Cortland has three goalies, six defensemen and 10 forwards on the squad. The strategy is to have the best players on the ice as much as possible, especially in crucial situations. Last season, the team lost seven games by one or two goals and Kroleski hopes to turn those close defeats into victories.

The goalkeepers may not have an abundance of game experience, but the two returning players put up solid numbers in 2005-06 when called upon. Junior Olivia Nuzzo started six games and would have seen the ice more if not for a mid-season injury. Although she only recorded a 1-4-1 record, she did post a 3.30 goals against average, an .893 save percentage and a shutout in her first career game as a Red Dragon. Sophomore Melissa Stern went 3-0 in three starts with a stellar 0.99 GAA and an impressive .954 save percentage and one shutout. Sophomore Kristin Taylor joins the team having played goalie for the Camillus girls’ 19U team that won a sectional title and was state runnerup last year.

Of the six defensemen, three saw action last season, one played for the Red Dragons as a freshman three seasons ago and two are freshmen. Juniors Janie Byrd and Julia Pahler and sophomore Maggie Welker are the anchors of the blue liners. Byrd is in her second season of captaincy and continues to be a physical presence on the ice. She saw action in all 23 games in 2005-06, scoring five points on two goals and three assists. Pahler also played in all 23 games and was second among defensemen in scoring with seven points on two goals and five assists. Welker logged plenty of minutes as a freshman in the 15 games she played, having missed some of the season due to injury. She collected four assists on the season.

Senior Libbie Alexander returns to the squad after having played her freshman season. She skated in all 25 games and collected two assists. Freshman Kelly Moran played with the Rochester Edge and reached the state finals in 2003-04 with that team. Freshman Cassie Willis, a teammate of Moran’s with Rochester, will have an immediate impact and see plenty of ice time.

Offensively, the team returns four of its top six scorers from last season. Senior Judy Ellis is on pace to break the career scoring mark and finished 2005-06 with 13 points on five goals and eight assists. Senior Cailin O’Hara, who led the team with five power-play goals, scored 12 points last season on seven goals and five assists and has moved into the top 10 in career scoring. Junior Erin Fleury registered 11 points on five goals and six assists as a sophomore in 23 games and has not missed a game in her first two seasons. Sophomore Heather Crowley led the team in points (23), assists (15) and tied for the team lead in goals (8) in 2005-06. She also racked up 17 points on seven goals and 10 assists in 12 conference games.

The three other returning forwards are junior Kelly Crumb and sophomores Ashley Meyers and Kalee Stoever. Crumb scored six points on two goals and four assists last season and proved a valuable asset on the penalty kill. Meyers began 2005-06 as a blue liner but switched to forward late in the season, collecting seven points on two goals and five assists. Stoever’s season was limited to 13 games due to injury, and she picked up a pair of goals as a freshman.

Two freshmen and one sophomore join the squad at forward in 2006-07. Erin Farmer was a six-year member of the girls’ ice hockey team at Saranac Lake, earning second team all-star honors. Maggie Henty played with the Syracuse Stars, winning five state titles and a national crown in 2004. Nicole Ruddy attended Herkimer Community College last year and played for the Mohawk Valley Hurricanes.

With the addition of an eighth team in the competitive ECAC West, making the top four and earning a trip to the conference playoffs is no small feat. The Red Dragons need to establish a pattern of success early on and continue winning ways throughout the season.
Coaching Staff

Jen Kroleski
Head Coach

Jen Kroleski enters her second season as the head coach for the Cortland women's ice hockey team during the 2006-07 season after serving as an assistant coach for the Red Dragons in 2004-05. Prior to Cortland, Kroleski was an assistant coach for the girl's ice hockey program at the National Sports Academy in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Kroleski, who earned a bachelor's degree in Economics from Hamilton College in 2003, was a four-year member of the Continentals’ women's ice hockey team as a goaltender. She was named the Team MVP as a sophomore, an assistant captain as a junior and received the Coaches Award and was selected as the team captain her senior season.


Kroleski currently resides in Ithaca.

Kate Reardon
Assistant Coach

Kate Reardon enters her first season as an assistant coach for the Cortland women's ice hockey team in 2006-07.

Reardon graduated from Connecticut College in 2006, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Anthropology. She was a four-year member of the women's ice hockey team and played three seasons of field hockey and two seasons of lacrosse for the Camels.


Amanda McCann
Volunteer Assistant Coach

Amanda McCann joined the women's ice hockey coaching staff as a volunteer assistant coach in 2005-06.

She previously played two seasons for the Red Dragons and scored 16 points in 41 games. As a freshman, she was fourth on the team in scoring with 13 points on five goals and eight assists.

A native of Kennewick, Wash., McCann is a senior at Cortland with a major in Fitness Development. She's a 2003 graduate of Southridge High, where she played goalkeeper on the soccer team for three seasons.

2006-2007 Schedule

October
29 Sun. * at Oswego ................................. 3:00

November
4 Sat. * at Elmira ..................................... 2:00
5 Sun. * at Elmira ..................................... 2:00
17 Fri. at Hamilton .................................... 7:00
18 Sat. HAMILTON .................................... 2:00
21 Tue. * at Utica ..................................... 7:00

December
1 Fri. * NEUMANN .................................... 7:00
2 Sat. * NEUMANN .................................... 2:00
6 Wed. at RIT ......................................... 7:00

January
6 Sat. UMASS BOSTON ......................... 7:00
7 Sun. UMASS BOSTON ......................... 2:00
10 Wed. PLYMOUTH ST. ....................... 5:30
17 Wed. * at Utica ................................... 7:00
19 Fri. * BUFFALO ST. ............................ 7:00
20 Sat. * BUFFALO ST. ............................ 12:00
26 Fri. at Wesleyan .............................. 7:00
27 Sat. at New England College ............. 1:00

February
3 Sat. * at Chatham ......................... 7:00
4 Sun. * at Chatham ......................... 1:00
10 Sat. SACRED HEART ...................... 1:00
11 Sun. * at Oswego ............................ 3:00
17 Sat. at Connecticut College ............... 7:00
18 Sun. at Amherst ............................. 1:00
23 Fri. * PLATTSBURGH ...................... 7:00
23 Sat. * PLATTSBURGH ...................... 2:00

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS
* ECAC West Game

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Player Profiles

Libbie Alexander
Major: Biology
Wynantskill, NY
Prior to 2006-07: Libbie attended Ithaca College...
Member of the crew team...
2003-04: Played in 25 games for the Red Dragons...Registered two assists on the season...
High School: A 2003 graduate of the Berkshire School...Two-year starting in hockey...
Two-time team captain...Received Coaches Award as a junior and named MVP as a senior...
Four-year member of the crew team...Received Coaches Award twice...Selected as MVP as a senior...
Other: Member of the Dean's List and National Biological Honor Society at Cortland...Competes in auto racing...Parents: Ellie and Rich Alexander
Brothers/Sisters: Evan, Hannah.

Janie Byrd
Major: Health Science
Auburn, NY
2005-06: Janie skated in all 23 games...Selected as the team captain...Scored five points on two goals and three assists...Scored goals versus Elmira at home and Neumann on the road...Collected assists at Trinity and in a 2-1 home win versus Wesleyan and a 10-1 victory versus Chatham on home ice...
2004-05: Played in 18 games...Scored five points on two goals and three assists...Had one game-winner...Scored first career point with a goal in a 6-1 non-league win at Buffalo St...Scored the game-winning goal in a 5-1 win over Buffalo St...Assisted on Cortland's lone goal versus Neumann...
High School: Graduated from Auburn High in 2004...Member of the ice hockey team...First female to ever make the team...Played soccer and lacrosse...Team MVP and captain of the soccer team...
Other: Empire All-Stars MVP...Five-time MVP of Syracuse Stars...
Parents: Annemarie and Rob Byrd
Brothers/Sisters: JASON, Sam, Robbie.

Heather Crowley
Major: Criminology
Brasher Falls, NY
2005-06: Heather played in 22 games...Named the ECAC West Rookie of the Week once...Led the team in points (23) and assists (15) and tied for the team lead with eight goals...Scored two power-play goals and led the team with two game-winning goals...Had two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist in a 4-1 win at Buffalo St...Scored twice and added an assist at Neumann...Had two goals and four assists in a two-game home sweep versus Chatham...Collected three assists in a 7-2 home win over Buffalo St...Had two assists in a home loss to Elmira...
Prior to Cortland: Attended the National Sports Academy during the 2004-05 school year...
High School: A 2004 graduate of St. Lawrence Central...
Three-year starting goalie on soccer team...
Four-year starting center fielder on softball team...
Earned All-Northern honors...
Parents: Anne and Tim Crowley
Brothers/Sisters: Timmy, Matt...Timmy plays hockey at Brockport.

Kelly Crumb
Major: Special Education
Pittsford, NY
2005-06: Kelly skated in all 23 games...Scored six points on two goals and four assists...Scored goals at UMass Boston and in a 8-0 home win versus Chatham...Recorded assists in home wins versus Buffalo St., Connecticut College and Chatham and at Neumann...
2004-05: Saw the ice in 19 games...Scored 12 points on five goals and seven assists...Second on the team with two short-handed goals...First collegiate goal came in a 4-2 win at Buffalo St...Recorded two goals and three assists in a pair of wins at Chatham...Picked up two assists in wins at Buffalo St. and Castleton St...
High School: Graduated from Pittsford Sutherland in 2004...
Two-year starting outfielder on the softball team...Earned second team all-county honors both seasons...Team captain as a senior...
Other: Member of the Dean's List at Cortland...
Parents: Anne and Larry Crumb
Brothers/Sisters: Timothy, Tracy.

Cortland
Player Profiles

Judy Ellis
Major: Physical Educ.  Saratoga Springs, NY
Judy enters the season second in career points (35) and assists (35). 2005-06: Saw action in all 23 games...Third on the team in scoring with 13 points on five goals and eight assists...Recorded a goal and two assists versus Elmira at home and in an 8-0 home win versus Chatham...Scored goals in a 7-2 home win and a 4-1 road win versus Buffalo St. and at Neumann...Assisted on Cortland's lone goal in a 2-1 non-league home loss to Neumann. 2004-05: Skated in all 20 games...Scored 15 points on six goals and nine assists...Had two power-play goals and led the team with three short-handed scores...Recorded two goals and an assist, including the game-winning tally on a short-handed effort, in a non-conference win at Buffalo St...Had a goal and two assists in a win at Castleton St...Picked up two assists in a win at Chatham...Scored Cortland's lone goal in a loss to Neumann. 2003-04: Played in all 25 games...Led the team in scoring with 27 points on nine goals and a team-high and school-record 18 assists...Led the team with three game-winning goals, all coming in Cortland's last three wins...Tied a school record with five assists in a 6-5 OT win at St. Michael's...Tied a school record with five points on three goals and two assists in an 11-1 win over Chatham...Named the ECAC West Rookie of the Week twice...High School: Graduated from Saratoga Springs in 2003...Member of the honor roll for all four years...Member of the National Honor Society...Played two seasons of soccer...Other: Member of the Dean's List at Cortland...Won a gold medal in ice hockey at the Empire State Games...Parents: Hazel and Thomas Ellis Brothers/Sisters: Thomas, Carrie.

Erin Farmer
Major: Secondary Education  Saranac Lake, NY
High School: Erin is a 2006 graduate of Saranac Lake, where she was a member of the honor roll and received the National Merit English Award...Six-year member of the ice hockey team...Received Red Letter Award as a senior...Two-time all-star...Two-year starter in soccer...Team won regional title her senior season...Three-year starting third baseman in softball...Other: Won a gold medal in women's ice hockey at the 2006 Empire State Games...Parents: Sharon and Mark Farmer...Father is a Cortland graduate and played hockey for the Red Dragons...Brothers/Sisters: Ryan.

Maggie Henty
Major: Undeclared  Syracuse, NY
High School: Maggie is a 2006 graduate of Bishop Ludden...Three-year member of the soccer team...Five-year member of the softball team...Team won league, section and regional titles her junior season...Other: Member of Syracuse Stars hockey team that won five straight state titles and a national title in 2004...Parents: Robin and Robert Henty Brothers/Sisters: Rob, Laura.

Kelly Moran
Major: Undeclared  Rochester, NY
High School: Kelly graduated from Greece Athena in 2006, where she was a Scholar Athlete...Played one season of tennis...Team won division crown...Four-year starter in softball...Other: Member of Rochester Edge hockey team that reached state finals in 2003-04...Parents: Barbara and Daniel Brothers/Sisters: Michelle.

Olivia Nuzzo
Major: Kinesiology  Brooklyn, NY
2005-06: Olivia started and played in six games...Missed some of the season due to injury...Posted a 1-4-1 record with 167 saves, an .893 save percentage, a 3.30 GAA and one shutout...Made 24 saves in a 0-0 overtime tie versus Buffalo St. in the opening game of the season...Made a season-high 44 saves in a 5-3 loss to UMass Boston...Stopped 19 shots in a 4-1 win at Buffalo St...Registered 35 saves in a 4-0 home loss to Hamilton...Turned aside 25 shots in a 5-2 loss at Plattsburgh...Prior to Cortland: Attended St. Anselm College, where she was a member of the women's ice hockey team...High School: Graduated from the Canterbury School in 2004...Member of the honor roll...Three-year member of the ice hockey team...Received Coaches Award as a senior...Two-year starter in lacrosse...Played midfield on the soccer team...Parents: Debbie Insetta and Philip Nuzzo...Father played Junior B hockey for the Brooklyn Stars and college hockey at St. Francis.

Cailin O'Hara
Major: Childhood Education  Rochester, NY
2005-06: Cailin saw action in all 23 games...Scored 12 points on seven goals and five assists...Led the team with five power-play goals...Did not commit a penalty all season...Scored the game-winning goal in overtime in a 3-2 home victory versus Connectcut College...Scored two goals and added two assists in a pair of home wins versus Chatham...Collected two assists in a 7-2 home win over Buffalo St...Scored Cortland's lone goal in 2-1 and 6-1 losses to Utica...Scored goals at Trinity and Plattsburgh...2004-05: Skated in all 20 games...Scored 14 points on seven goals and seven assists...Scored two goals, including the game winner, in a 6-1 non-conference win at Buffalo St...Scored a goal and two assists in a win at Castleton St. and versus UMass Boston...Assisted on the winning goal in a 3-2 victory over UMass Boston.
Player Profiles

Prior to Cortland: Attended Clarkson University, where she was a member of the women’s ice hockey team...High School: Graduated from Greece Athena in 2005...Member of the honor roll...Three-year starting shortstop on the softball team...Two-time second team all-county selection...Played in Senior All-Star Game...Other: Member of the Dean’s List at Cortland...Won a gold medal at the 2000 Empire State Games and a silver medal at the 2001 Empire State Games...Parents: Lisa and Shawn O’Hara Brothers/Sisters: Kyle, Kevin, Courtney.

Julia Pahler Junior, Defense Major: Communications Potsdam, NY 2005-06: Julia appeared in all 23 games...Scored seven points on two goals and five assists...Scored a career-high four points on two goals and two assists in a 10-1 home win versus Chatham...Recorded assists in home wins versus Neumann, Connecticut College and Chatham...2004-05: Saw action in all 20 games...Scored five points on two goals and three assists...Registered first career point on an assist in a non-conference win at Buffalo St...Scored both goals in a pair of wins at Chatham...Assisted on Cortland’s only goal in a 2-1 loss at St. Anselm...High School: A 2004 graduate of Potsdam High, where she was a member of the honor roll...Played two years of hockey...Earned first team all-northern honors, team captain and team placed second in state her senior season...Three-year member of the soccer team...Two-year starter in volleyball...Team captain...Two-time all-northern selection...Other: Won gold medals in ice hockey at the 2002 and 2003 Empire State Games...Member of the freshman honor society, Dean’s List and President’s List at Cortland...Received DAR Adirondack Chapter Scholarship in 2006...Parents: Helen and Thomas Pahler Brothers/Sisters: Heidi, Elisabeth...Heidi played hockey at Niagara and Elisabeth plays hockey at St. Lawrence.

Nicole Ruddy Sophomore, Forward Major: Psychology Utica, NY Prior to Cortland: Nicole attended Herkimer Community College, where she was a member of the President’s List...High School: A 2005 graduate of Thomas R. Proctor...Parents: Tonia and Stephen Ruddy Brothers/Sisters: Stephen, Shawn, Justin, Robert...Shawn played on the Cortland men’s hockey team...Justin is a Cortland graduate.

Melissa Stern Sophomore, Goaltender Major: Biology Shoreham, NY 2005-06: Melissa started and played in three games...Named the ECAC West Goaltender of the Week once...Posted a 3-0 record with 62 saves, a .954 save percentage, a 0.99 GAA and one shutout...Made 27 saves in a 3-2 overtime win versus Connecticut College on home ice in her collegiate debut...Stopped 15 shots in a 10-1 home win over Chatham...Made 20 saves the next day in posting an 8-0 triumph over Chatham...High School: Graduated from Shoreham-Wading River in 2005, where she was a member of the honor roll...Played one season of volleyball as an outside hitter...Other: Uncle Richard Fischer was captain of the Harvard hockey team...Parents: Heidi and David Stern...Father competed in wrestling and gymnastics at Ithaca College...Brothers/Sisters: Max, Alexa.

Kalee Stoever Sophomore, Forward Major: Sport Management Pawling, NY 2005-06: Kalee played in 13 games...Missed some of the season due to injury...Scored two goals on the season...Notched goals in a 10-1 home win versus Chatham and a 4-1 win on the road against Buffalo St...High School: A 2005 graduate of Pawling High, where she a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and class vice president...Three-year member of the field hockey team...Named all-league, all-section, all-state and the Poughkeepsie Journal Field Hockey Player of the Year as a senior...Team won sectional and regional titles and reached state final her senior season...Four-year member of the soccer team...Parents: Debbie and Bob Stoever Brothers/Sisters: John, Alissa.

Kristin Taylor Sophomore, Goaltender Major: Recreation Syracuse, NY Prior to Cortland: Kristin attended Onondaga Community College...High School: Graduated from Faith Heritage in 2005, where she was a member of the honor roll...Other: Four-year member of Camillus U19 girls’ hockey team...Team captain...MVP...Received Sportsmanship Award...Team was state runnerup in 2006...Parent: Pam Taylor Brothers/Sisters: Joshua.

Maggie Welker Sophomore, Defense Major: Health Science Rochester, NY 2005-06: Maggie saw action in 15 games...Missed some of the season due to injury...Collected four assists on the season...Assisted on Cortland’s lone goal in a 2-1 overtime loss at home versus Utica...Recorded assists in a 7-2 home win and 4-1 road victory over Buffalo St...Tallied an assist at Trinity...High School: A 2005 graduate of Greece Athena...Played defender on the soccer team...Other: Member of Syracuse Stars ice hockey team that finished first in state and second in nation in 2004-05...Won a bronze medal at the 2004 Empire State Games...Parents: Maria and Ron Welker Brothers/Sisters: Mike.

Cassie Willis Freshman, Defense Major: Childhood Education Brockport, NY High School: Cassie graduated from Brockport in 2006, where she was a Scholar Athlete...Two-year member of the lacrosse team as an attacker...Other: Member of Rochester Edge hockey team that won three straight SWGHL crowns...Parents: Dawn and Michael Willis...Father played football at Brockport...Brothers/Sisters: Craig...Played hockey at Monroe Community College.
Record Book (2000-06)

TEAM RECORDS

Most wins, season:  
9, 2004-05 (9-11-0)

Most goals scored, season:  
70, 2004-05

Fewest goals allowed, season:  
63, 2004-05

Lowest goals against avg., season:  
3.15, 2004-05

Most goals in a game:  
14, at Chatham, 2/11/05

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

TOP-10 CAREER SCORING LEADERS

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Most goals, career:  
32, MaryAnn Knott, 2001-05

Most goals, season:  
14, Colleen Reid, 2001-02

Most goals, game:  
5, Colleen Reid vs. St. Michael’s, 1/27/01

Most assists, career:  
39, Dani Blanchard, 2002-06

Most assists, season:  
18, Judy Ellis, 2003-04

Most assists, game:  
5, Stacy Tilton vs. St. Michael’s, 1/27/01

Most total points, career:  
67, Dani Blanchard, 2002-06

(28 goals, 39 assists)

Most total points, season:  
29, Colleen Reid, 2001-02

(14 goals, 15 assists)

Most total points, game:  
6, MaryAnn Knott at Chatham, 2/11/05

(2 goals, 4 assists)

GOALTENDING RECORDS

Most saves, career:  
1,576, Rachel Hutchinson, 2000-03

Most saves, season:  
581, Rachel Hutchinson, 2002-03

Most saves, game:  
62, Rachel Hutchinson vs. Plattsburgh, 12/2/01

Most shutouts, career:  
3, Mandy Smock, 2000-02

Most shutouts, season:  
3, Mandy Smock, 2001-02

Most victories, career:  
12, Kelly Fillmore, 2003-05

Most victories, season:  
6, Kelly Fillmore, 2003-04, 2004-05

Goals against average, career (min. 15 games played):  
3.23, Mandy Smock, 2000-02

Goals against average, season (min. 1/3 games played):  
2.24, Mandy Smock, 2001-02

Save percentage, career (min. 15 games played):  
.885, Mandy Smock, 2000-02

Save percentage, season (min. 1/3 games played):  
.906, Mandy Smock, 2001-02

Sophomore forward Heather Crowley led the team in scoring last season with 23 points and her 15 assists were the second most in a single season since the program was re-established in 2000.
2005-06 Game-by-Game Recap

Cortland 0, Buffalo St. 0 (OT)  
(Nov. 5; Cortland, NY)
Cortland opened the season with the non-conference tie versus Buffalo St., the team's first 0-0 game since the 2001-02 season also against the Bengals. Olivia Nuzzo made 24 saves for the Red Dragons in her Cortland debut.

Cortland 7, Buffalo St. 2  
(Nov. 6; Cortland, NY)
Dani Blanchard became Cortland's career scoring leader with two goals and an assist, Daryl Pace and Tricia Silvestri notched a pair of goals each and Heather Crowley recorded her first collegiate points with three assists as the Red Dragons cruised to the win. Cortland opened a 4-0 lead midway through the second period and put the game away with three quick goals to open the third period. Tiffany Wixom stopped 16 shots.

Cortland 2, Neumann 1  
(Nov. 18; Cortland, NY)
Julie Freeland gave the Red Dragons the lead with her first career goal in the second period, and Erin Fleury scored what proved to be the game-winner early in the third period. The Knights spoiled the shutout bid with a delayed-penalty goal with just 2:13 remaining. Tiffany Wixom registered 29 saves, including 13 in the third period, to earn the win.

Neumann 2, Cortland 1  
(Nov. 19; Cortland, NY)
Dani Blanchard's power-play goal off assists from Judy Ellis and Heather Crowley tied the game at 1-1 in the second period, but the Knights scored the game-winner midway through the final period and held on for the win. Cortland pulled goalie Tiffany Wixom, who made 22 saves, for an extra skater over the final 38 seconds but couldn't score the equalizer.

Utica 2, Cortland 1 (OT)  
(Nov. 22; Cortland, NY)
The Red Dragons opened ECAC West play with a tough overtime setback. The Pioneers scored the game-winning goal on the power play with 48 seconds remaining in the extra session. Cailin O'Hara gave Cortland a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal assisted by Maggie Welker and Dusti Sheley in the second period. Utica tied the game six minutes later. Tiffany Wixom recorded 34 saves.

Elmira 5, Cortland 0  
(Dec. 3; Cortland, NY)
Cortland played the nationally seventh-ranked Soaring Eagles tough, allowing two goals in the first and second periods and a late score in the third period. Tiffany Wixom stopped 25 shots in her fifth consecutive start between the pipes.

Elmira 6, Cortland 3  
(Dec. 4; Cortland, NY)
After Elmira opened up a 3-0 lead late in the second period, the Red Dragons responded with goals 54 seconds apart from Dani Blanchard and Janie Byrd to close the second period and pull to within 3-2. The Soaring Eagles regained the three-goal advantage, but Judy Ellis, who assisted on both second-period goals, made it 5-3 with 5:10 remaining in the third. Elmira answered with the game's final score two minutes later.

Trinity 4, Cortland 3 (OT)  
(Dec. 9; West Hartford, CT)
The teams traded goals throughout until the Bantams scored a power-play goal early in overtime to earn the win. Cortland rallied to tie the game three times to send it into the extra period. Erin Fleury tied the game at 1-1 in the first, Cailin O’Hara made it a 2-2 game in the second, and Tricia Silvestri tied the score at 3-all late in the third period. Tiffany Wixom made 34 saves.

Trinity 4, Cortland 1  
(Dec. 10; West Hartford, CT)
Kate Ciraulo and Ashley Meyers assisted on Abby Graves’ first collegiate goal and Tiffany Wixom made 33 saves, but the Red Dragons allowed two power-play goals after Graves had cut Trinity’s lead to 2-1 in the second period.

Cortland 2, Wesleyan 1  
(Jan. 8; Cortland, NY)
Erin Fleury and Daryl Pace scored goals two minutes apart in the second period to lead the Red Dragons to the victory. Tiffany Wixom made 13 saves and had her shutout bid denied on a power-play goal with an extra skater with 43 seconds remaining. Janie Byrd and Ashley Meyers recorded assists on Fleury’s power-play goal.

Cortland 3, Connecticut College 2 (OT)  
(Jan. 11; Cortland, NY)
Cailin O’Hara scored the game-winning goal off assists from Tricia Silvestri and Erin Fleury 2:05 into overtime. Melissa Stern made 27 saves to earn a win in her first collegiate start. Dusti Sheley gave Cortland a 1-0 lead in the first period, but Connecticut College took a 2-1 lead with goals 66 seconds apart in the third period. Daryl Pace’s fourth goal of the season midway through the third sent the game to overtime.

Plattsburgh 9, Cortland 2  
(Jan. 13; Plattsburgh, NY)
Nationally second-ranked Plattsburgh pulled away from a close game with the final five goals of the contest. Heather Crowley assisted on Dani Blanchard's fifth goal of the season to cut the Cardinals’ lead to 2-1 in the first period, and Cailin O’Hara netted an unassisted score in the second period to make it a 4-2 game. Tiffany Wixom registered 39 saves.
2005-06 Game-by-Game Recap

Plattsburgh 5, Cortland 2  
(Jan. 14; Plattsburgh, NY)  
Heather Crowley scored her first career goal from Lindsay Weinstein midway through the second period, Ashley Meyers assisted on Erin Fleury's third-period goal and Olivia Nuzzo made 25 saves in her second game of the season for the Red Dragons. Cortland made it a 3-1 game on Crowley's goal and Fleury netted the only goal of the final period.

Utica 6, Cortland 1  
(Jan. 18; Cortland, NY)  
The Pioneers built a 6-0 lead before Erin Fleury and Lindsay Weinstein set up Cailin O'Hara's rebound power-play goal at 15:32 of the third period. Tiffany Wixom made a season-high 42 saves in goal for the Red Dragons.

UMass Boston 5, Cortland 3  
(Jan. 20; Boston, MA)  
The Beacons broke a 3-3 tie with a pair of third-period goals and held on for the win. The Red Dragons held a 2-1 lead in the opening period on goals by Tricia Silvestri and Heather Crowley, but UMass Boston made it a 3-2 game after two periods. Kelly Crumb knotted the score at 3-3 with a goal just 40 seconds into the third. Olivia Nuzzo made a season-high 44 saves.

Neumann 4, Cortland 2  
(Feb. 3; Aston, PA)  
Trailing 3-1, Judy Ellis and Heather Crowley assisted on Dani Blanchard's sixth goal of the season just 1:35 into the game, but the Beacons steadily pulled away for the victory. Olivia Nuzzo stopped 20 shots for the Red Dragons, who outshot UMass Boston, 26-25.

Neumann 6, Cortland 5  
(Feb. 4; Aston, PA)  
Cortland dropped its fourth one-goal game of the season in the back-and-forth contest. Heather Crowley scored two goals and added an assist and Lindsay Weinstein had a goal and three assists to lead Cortland's offense. Janie Byrd and Judy Ellis also scored for the Red Dragons, while Tiffany Wixom registered 40 saves.

Hamilton 4, Cortland 0  
(Feb. 10; Cortland, NY)  
Olivia Nuzzo made 35 saves in goal for Cortland, but the Red Dragons failed to generate many quality scoring chances on their 17 shots in the game. The Continentals scored a pair of power-play goals and two even-strength goals.

Cortland 10, Chatham 1  
(Feb. 11; Cortland, NY)  
Julia Pahler scored a career-high four points on two goals and two assists, Tricia Silvestri contributed two goals and an assist, Heather Crowley added a goal and two assists and Melissa Stern raised her record to 2-0 with 15 saves. Erin Fleury and Cailin O'Hara recorded a goal and an assist each and Kalee Stoever scored her first career goal for the Red Dragons, who outshot the Cougars, 60-16.

Cortland 8, Chatham 0  
(Feb. 12; Cortland, NY)  
Melissa Stern improved her season record to 3-0, making 20 saves in posting her first career shutout for Cortland. Kate Ciraulo, Heather Crowley and Judy Ellis each registered a goal and two assists as eight different players lit the lamp for the Red Dragons. Cortland put the game away with four goals in the third period. Cailin O'Hara added a goal and an assist and Erin Fleury chipped in with two assists.

Cortland 4, Buffalo St. 1  
(Feb. 18; Buffalo, NY)  
Heather Crowley scored two first-period goals and assisted on an insurance power-play goal in the third period to lead the Red Dragons to their third straight win. Judy Ellis and Kalee Stoever also scored goals for Cortland, which sealed the win with two early third-period scores. Olivia Nuzzo made 19 saves to earn the win.

Buffalo St. 2, Cortland 0  
(Feb. 19; Buffalo, NY)  
The Red Dragons concluded their season with the close loss on the road that wasn’t decided until the final moments of the game. After two scoreless periods, the Bengals took a 1-0 lead on the power play at 16:10 of the third period. Cortland pulled goalie Tiffany Wixom for nearly a minute for an extra skater late in the game, but Buffalo St. capitalized with an empty-net goal at 19:55. Wixom finished the game with 23 saves.

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ON THE COVER: Seniors Judy Ellis (left) and Cailin O'Hara.
Sophomore forwards Ashley Meyers (left) and Kalee Stoever (center) and sophomore defenseman MaggieWelker (right) earned valuable playing time as freshmen and will be counted on to provide depth during the 2006-07 season.
About SUNY Cortland

Located atop one of the rolling hills in central New York’s “City of Seven Valleys,” the State University of New York College at Cortland was founded in 1868 as the Cortland Normal School, which included among its earliest students inventor and industrialist Elmer A. Sperry of Sperry-Rand Corp. fame.

Over the decades, the campus expanded and in 1941, by an act of legislature and the Board of Regents, the institution officially became a four-year college providing courses leading to the bachelor’s degree. In 1948, Cortland was a founding member of the State University of New York.

Today, approximately 7,500 students are pursuing degrees within the College’s three academic divisions — arts and sciences, professional studies and the school of education. Twenty-three departments with a faculty of more than 400 offer the SUNY Cortland student body 70 majors and 44 minors from which to choose.

The College’s main campus covers 191 acres and includes 31 traditional and modern buildings. Fifteen of these structures are residence halls providing on-campus housing for approximately 3,000 students. Cortland also operates its Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks, the Hoxie Gorge Nature Preserve outside Cortland, and the Brauer Memorial Geological Field Station on the Helderberg Escarpment near Albany.

At Cortland, athletics are viewed as having an important role in the educational mission of the College. During the fall, winter and spring seasons, Cortland participates in 25 intercollegiate sports — 14 women’s and 11 men’s — in an attempt to provide a broad program which meets the needs, interests and abilities of its students.

The Cortland athletic program placed fifth nationally out of 438 colleges and universities in the 2005-06 all-sport United States Sports Academy Directors’ Cup Division III standings. The award was formerly known as the Sears Directors’ Cup from 1995-2002 and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Directors’ Cup in the 2002-03 school year. Cortland is the only New York school and one of only six nationwide to finish in the top 20 each of the last 11 years. Since 1989, the Red Dragons have captured 13 NCAA Division III team titles.

The College offers its student-athletes excellent athletic facilities. The newly-constructed on-campus stadium features two artificial turf fields. One field seats 6,500 spectators, the other 1,500. The Cortland football, field hockey, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s lacrosse and men’s and women’s track and field teams are among those who utilize the facility, which the New York Times called “…a new stadium worthy of a major university power.”

The Bessie L. Park Physical Education and Recreation Center, opened in 1973, features the Whitney T. Corey Gymnasium with a 3,500 seating capacity; the Olympic-sized Harriet Holsten swimming pool with gallery seating for 1,500; the Alumni Ice Arena, a facility which can accommodate 2,500 spectators; a 500-seat gymnastics arena, racquetball and squash courts, a wrestling room, modern athletic training facilities and the state-of-the-art Francis Woods Fitness Facility.

Nearby Clayton R. Lusk Field House, with its tartan-textured surface, is home for the indoor track teams, varsity practice sessions and recreational activities. Cortland’s soccer teams play on T. Fred “Prof” Holloway Field, which has lights for night contests and newly installed bleachers. The College also has 22 outdoor tennis courts and two outdoor basketball courts and boasts Robert H. Wallace Field (baseball) and Dragon Field (softball) as part of its 51 acres of athletic fields.