SUNY Cortland Women's Lacrosse
NCAA Division III Quarterfinals – SUNY Cortland vs. Colorado College
Sunday, May 15, 2005; Stewart Field; Colorado College; Colorado Springs, Colo.

FINAL SCORE: Colorado College 10, Cortland 9 (2 OT)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. – Cassie Abel scored 38 seconds into the sudden-death second overtime period to give Colorado College its first lead of the game and a 10-9 victory over SUNY Cortland in an NCAA Division III quarterfinal matchup. The Tigers (12-1) advance to the national semifinals next weekend versus Salisbury at The College of New Jersey. Cortland completes its season with a school-best 18-2 record but falls short in its quest for the program's first-ever "Final Four" appearance.

Abel broke into the crease from behind the left post, took a feed from Jen Alpern who was high in the slot, and beat Cortland junior goaltender Regina Grosso (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) with a high shot just inside the far post.

Colorado scored the final three goals of regulation, capped by Abel's goal with 2:49 left, to tie the game at 8-8. The teams then played a mandatory six-minute overtime session, broken into two three-minute segments. Cortland took a 9-8 lead on a goal by sophomore Ali Bourgal (Sachem) with 1:21 left in the six-minute overtime, but Hannah Murtagh tied the game 17 seconds later off an Abel assist. Colorado had two shots in the final 10 seconds to win the game, but Grosso stopped the first one and the second one was wide. In the sudden-death overtime, Cortland won the draw control but turned the ball over, leading to Abel's winning goal.

Cortland jumped out to a 3-0 lead on goals by sophomore Jennifer Willis (Huntington/Walt Whitman), senior Kerri Finn (West Islip) and junior Jessie Lynch (West Islip), and the Red Dragons kept the Tigers off the board until a goal by Abel with 2:19 left in the period.

The Red Dragons extended their lead to 5-1 as sophomore Jill Battaglia (Amherst) and Bourgal scored in the first 1:25 of the second half. The lead was 6-2 with 19 minutes remaining before three straight Colorado goals cut the lead to 6-5 with 16:02 left. Lynch, however, scored off a Willis feed with 11:47 left and added an unassisted goal with 7:02 remaining to give the Red Dragons an 8-5 lead. Colorado, however, responded with a Kate Fitzgerald goal at 4:53, a Helen Sneath free position goal at 4:05 and Abel's tying goal at 2:49 left to force overtime.

Lynch led Cortland with three goals, Bourgal had two goals and an assist and Finn scored twice. Willis chipped in a goal and two assists and Grosso finished with 12 saves, including nine in the second half. Abel led Colorado with three goals and two assists. Fitzgerald, Sneath and Murtagh scored two goals each and Alana Dalton made 10 saves, including three in overtime.

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Scoring (Goals-Assists):
Colorado: Cassie Abel 3-2, Kate Fitzgerald 2-1, Helen Sneath 2-0, Hannah Murtagh 2-0, Jen Alpern 1-1, Lizzie Franke 0-1
Cortland: Jessie Lynch 3-0, Ali Bourgal 2-1, Kerri Finn 2-0, Jennifer Willis 1-2, Jill Battaglia 1-0

Goalkeepers:
Colorado: Alana Dalton, 10 saves, 9 GA in 66:38
Cortland: Regina Grosso, 12 saves, 10 GA in 66:38

Shots: Colorado 30, Cortland 24
Ground Balls: Colorado 38, Cortland 25
Draw Controls: Cortland 13, Colorado 10
Caused Turnovers: Colorado 10, Cortland 2