

# Lady cagers bury Bears, 81-59

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The high-flying Cortland State women's basketball squad overcame a nightmarish shooting performance in the first 10 minutes to handily defeat visiting Potsdam State 81-59 in Corey Gymnasium Saturday.

After closing in on the school record losing streak with an eight-game skid at season's start, Coach Bonnie Foley's torrid Dragons are now just three games shy of equalling the school record 12-game win skein established by last year's NCAA Div. III playoff unit.

The 10-8 Cortland crew, without injured point guard Teresa McKinney for a second straight game, wrote a new definition for "coming out flat"

against the Bears. The Red Dragons connected on just 1-of-17 field goal attempts and trailed 13-5 with eight minutes expired.

"I really wasn't worried," said Foley, whose unit is now 7-0 and atop the State University of New York Athletic Conference Eastern Division. "We weren't taking bad shots. They just weren't falling in. We came out with the same things that worked against Plattsburgh the night before. But with our team, I can always turn up or down the 'D.' We can put on the pressure and get our transition game going."

With the throttle on full, Cortland outscored Potsdam 15-6 in just four minutes and tied the

game at 19-19 with 5:42 left before halftime. The Dragons took the lead for keeps 27-26 on a Mary Ponda lay-up with 1:57 left in the half. By intermission, Cortland led 35-26. Potsdam, which did not substitute until the final two minutes of the half, never seriously threatened in the final 20 minutes.

Dragon junior forward Gina Boyd, who came off the bench to score 18 against Plattsburgh on Friday, led the hosts in scoring in a reserve role for second consecutive game by netting 19 points on Saturday. Ponda and junior McKinney's replacement in the starting lineup, junior guard Beth Tartaglia, scored eight points.



## Tsilibes leads runners to victory

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Cortland State senior Nick Tsilibes shattered the Colgate 1000 meter field house record to lead the Red Dragons to the championship at the 12-team Colgate Invitational on Saturday.

The Red Dragons tallied 144 points for first place edging out track nemesis Fredonia State with 136 points. Other team scores included: Colgate 113, Binghamton 44, Delhi C.C. 42, Erie C.C. 38, Canisius 36, Mohawk Valley C.C. 23, Hartwick 10, Cayuga C.C. 1 and LeMoyne and Siena 0.

Tsilibes clocked a 2:32.4 in his record-setting 1000 meter run. Other Cortland first place efforts included: senior Mark Gaffney 3:57.37 in the 1500 meters; senior Ed Stickles 8:52.43

in the 3000 meters; and the 3200 meter relay team with an 8:10.

"Our distance runners got our only first places, but we beat Fredonia by scoring in the field events," said Cortland coach Jack Daniels, singling out Paul LaBerge taking second in long jump, Steve Thompson third place in shot put; Mark Gottdenker, Tom Dunster and Pat Flaherty taking second, third and fifth, respectively, in the pole vault.

"I'm sure that Fredonia will be out to get us at SUNYAC's," said Daniels, referring to the conference meet in two weeks. "But we have a few more moves we can make yet. It will be a close meet but not particularly exciting because we score where they don't and they score where we don't."

## Lady runners clinch Colgate invitational

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Winning 10 of the 14 events, the Cortland women's indoor track team cruised to the championship of the nine-team Colgate Invitational on Saturday.

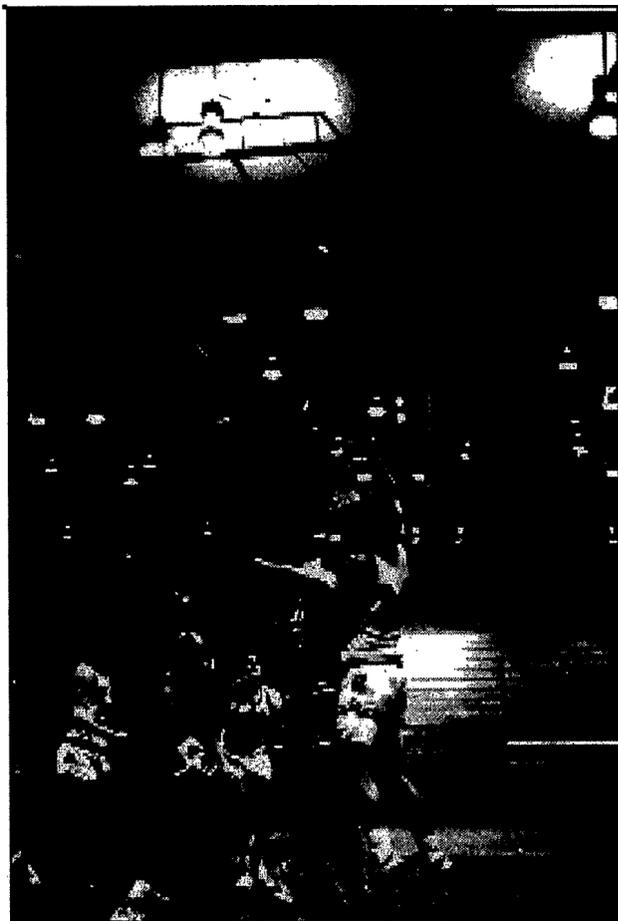
The Cortland women scored 179 points, followed by Hartwick 54, Colgate 39, Binghamton 27, Erie C.C. 22, Delhi 21, Canisius 20, Mohawk Valley C.C. 16 and Siena 1.

Earning first places for the Red Dragons were: Tracey McPherson 7.46 seconds in the 55 meter dash and 27.44 in the 200 meter dash; Becky Bieber 4:43.0 in the 1500 meters; junior Diane Tuxill 8.77 seconds in the 55 meter hurdles; Farron Bridgman 4'11" in the high jump; Tracey Swarts 2:18.53 in the 800 meters; and Vicki Mitchell 10:29.07 in the 3000 meters. The Cortland women also swept all three relays, winning the distance medley in 13:14.0, the 1600 meter in 4:07 and the 3200 meter in 11:23.7.

"As has often been the case, Tracey McPherson was our top scorer with 32 points," said Cortland coach Jack Daniels. "Becky and Judy Sparks looked strong in the 1500, both just missing the national standard."

Sparks, who took second behind Bieber, clocked a 4:44.26. The NCAA Div. III qualifying mark is 4:42.4.

"Possibly, our top performances were by Vicki Mitchell in the 3000 meters, which her first-ever race for that distance, and by Tracey Swarts in the 800. She just missed the NCAA qualifying standard by four-tenths of a second."



## Hoopsters fall short, 84-79

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A scrappy Cortland men's basketball squad kept pace with fifth-ranked Potsdam State for most of Saturday's league contest in Corey Gymnasium, but the visiting Bears employed their superior bench strength to forge an 84-74 victory.

"Actually, I thought we played a pretty good game," said Cortland coach Bill Williams, whose 5-14 squad trailed 38-37 at halftime. "The difference in the second half was that they just wore us down."

Potsdam's all-star guard Steve Babiarz, held to just four first half points, sparked the visitors with one of five three-pointers for a 46-39 lead with 18:20. The three tallies put the senior guard first among all-time scorers at Potsdam. Babiarz finished with 25 points and now has 1,862 in his Bear career.

"Babiarz is a heck of a player," said Williams. "But I thought Jeff Wiley did a pretty good job on him."

Wiley, a junior, outscored his Bear counterpart. The Jefferson Community College transfer continually attacked the Potsdam defense and hit 10-of-13 field goals, including 3-of-5 three pointers, as well as 4-of-4 free throws for a career high 27 points.

Other Dragons responded offensively to help the hosts hang with the Bears. Senior center Kurt Sporkmann netted 15 points, while both Jeff Chaney and Paul Spiegel added 11 points. With seven minutes left, potsdam led by just five points, 64-59. In the final minutes, tough inside play by Potsdam's Michael Brown, with six rebounds and 11 points, and the persistent shooting of Babiarz spelled the winning margin.

"They're so quick," Williams said of Potsdam. "And when he goes to the bench, he comes out with even bigger guys than the starters. Our players never get a rest. I am not happy with a loss, but I was not embarrassed by the effort of our players."

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