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## California, Here We Come!

### Lady Booters 9-0-2

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California here we come! Their bags are packed and they have departed. Thus far this season the Cortland State women's soccer team can sit back and enjoy the scenery. Deserving of this would be to false a claim. For these lady booters they have completed an incredible task. Imagine, still undefeated at 9-0-2.

But what else? In 11 games the lady booters have allowed just 1 goal against them. Talk about defense! 10 shutouts. You can thank the great play of goalies Diane Wright, Melissa Samueles and Rebecca Bauer. All of their save percentages are very close to 100%.

"This year we have three goalies. So if Dianne gets injured we now have backups. We have been rotating the three and all of them seem to respond well. It helps when you have an all around all star lineup to work with", said assistant coach Kevin Bradley.

Currently ranked 7th in the nation and 2nd in their region in Division 3, the lady booters have been outshooting opponents 186-45.

"We are doing real well on defense, that's our strength. Another big advantage we have is team speed. We have a great deal of speed on the outside, especially the halfbacks", added Bradley.

Nowadays, it's a wonder if the lady booters are doing anything wrong? It seems not but according to Bradley, the booters biggest problem is putting the ball in the net. But not just booting it, actually maintaining composure and taking a shot with authority. "Our forwards have to relax more and do a little more scoring" said Bradley.

What makes the Dragons such a spectacular team year after year? Last year they finished 5th in the nation and headcoach Chris Malone picked up his 100th victory. The lady booters have been a threatening force to their opponents. What makes the booters such a great team year after year? One big factor is the coaching expertise of Chris Malone. Just look in his office and you will see plaque after plaque of coach of the year. But also according to Kevin Bradley "I think each year we get closer and closer as one unit. We've become almost like a family and when you're close, you feel good and when you feel good you play well". Besides the outstanding lineup Malone puts out on the field, he accredits his assistant coaches on doing a great job working with the girls. His assistants are Kevin Bradley, Kim Ornsby and Joan Easton.

On offense the dragons are paced by Michelle Martin, Janine Caruso, Leslie Benintend, Karen Hertel, Betsy Procino and many other greats.

Now in California, the booters will play Mon. and Tues. and hopefully come back with some good news.

"Just being ranked in the top 10 in the nation is a big accomplishment, we're excited", said a rather intrigued Kevin Bradley.



Cortland State's Janine Caruso battles for control of the ball

Photo by Mark Wright

## Keith's Defense Paces Dragons

By College Relations

In a staggering exhibition of defensive football, unbeaten Cortland State held host Western Connecticut to 28 total yards in a 21-0 victory Saturday night on Middown Campus Field in Danbury, Connecticut. The 1989 Red Dragons became the first Cortland gridiron squad in 34 years to post three consecutive shutouts.

Sparked by All-America outside linebacker Bob Keith's 10 tackles and one QB sack, the Dragon defense stymied Western's ground game to minus-46 yards on 45 carries. Cortland allowed Western inside its 20 only once — just the third time a Dragon foe has penetrated as close in four games this season. But Keith sacked Colonial QB Scott Zinser on a third-and-goal at the Dragon four,

then Western's Ralph Carey missed a 31-yard field goal. Western's Rob Peritz, two plays later, picked off a Dick Puccio pass — his first interception thrown this season. But after another two plays, Dragon freshman defensive tackle Barry Thornton, in his first collegiate start, intercepted a Zinser pass. Western never posed a serious scoring threat again in the game.

Cortland, by that time, enjoyed a 14-0 lead after Red Dragon coach Dennis Kayser unfurled some razzle-dazzle on the game's opening play. Sophomore flanker Joe Gulick took a pitch from QB Dick Puccio on an end-around the right side. Gulick stopped and threw a 61-yard bomb to an open Greg Sirico, who was tackled at the Western six. Dragon junior tailback Ken Williams walked

in on the next play for the TD and Matt Pietrzak kicked the point after. Williams had a solid game with 49 yards on six carries and two receptions for 24 yards.

On their next possession, the Dragons moved 64 yards in nine plays — a 32-yard Puccio-to-Mark Houghton pass chewing up the greatest chunk of yardage in the drive — for the next TD. On a fourth-and-goal, Puccio tossed a one-yard TD pass to tight end Jim Andre in the corner of the endzone. The sophomore signalcaller completed 16-of-22 passes for 169 yards with one TD and one interception in the contest. Sirico led Dragon receivers with six catches for 108 yards. Ted Nagengast converted the extra point.

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Senior All-America outside linebacker Bob Keith Photo by Mark Wright