

## Tourney Scoreless Tie For Rugby

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The Cortland Rugby Team played its most exciting game of the year last Saturday against Syracuse University at the Uptate Tournament, but had to settle for a 0-0 tie after 50 minutes of sudden death overtime.

Playing in the mud and rain at Rochester's Genesee Valley Park, Cortland lost in the 1st round to the same Syracuse Rogues who had annihilated them 24-6 only a week before. It was a different story in Rochester, though. Cortland controlled most of the scrumdowns and lineouts and did well in the loose rucks and mauls. Unfortunately the team could not manage to get the ball (often referred to as a "grease ball" in the mud and rain) across the goal line and ended up at the bottom of a 10-0 score. The Rogues scoring came on a try and two penalty kicks.

Cortland then advanced to the consolation round where they drew a bye before playing against Syracuse University. Only two weeks before Cortland had lost to S.U. by a 19-8 margin. Playing in the sea of mud, Cortland again won many of the scrumdowns and lineouts. The Cortland backfield played good defense, but could not manage to score and the game was scoreless at the end of regulation time. After two five minute overtime periods, the game went into sudden death. Again and again Cortland came close to a score but could never quite go all the way. After 50 minutes it was decided that the teams should retire to the showers and the party.

The Cortland 'B' side managed to do somewhat better. In the first round the team could not get on the scoreboard and lost a close match to the Buffalo Old Boys 'B' squad, 4-0.

From there Cortland advanced to the consolation round against a team from Canandaigua, N.Y. The C. State squad demolished the short handed team from Canandaigua, 24-0. Herman Goushy started the scoring for Cortland with a 60 yard run. Other tries were scored by Randy Frieser, Kevin Killern and two by Pete Cole. Dean Overent converted two kicks for four points.

After that massacre ended, Cortland went on to win the consolation round by edging Oswego, 8-6. Oswego managed two early penalty kicks but Cortland responded with tries by Joe Kellogg and Pete Cole to take the win. The 'B' team owned its spring record at 5-5 with the two wins.

Tomorrow the team will be traveling to Albany to take on the Albany Knickerbockers. The next home game will be May 8th against Oswego.



Cortland's Dave Zeitler chases ball carrier in home game. KRM