Ruggers Reach Semi's In Rugby Tourney

In what was undoubtedly Cortland's finest hour in rugby to date, Cortland defeated Brockport 9-4, and Buffalo Old Boys, 10-9, before bowing to Rochester in the semi-finals of the Annual Rugby Union Tournament by a score of 8-3.

The Buffalo Old Boys clearly did not consider Cortland a threat, but they were in for a rude shock. However, it took a while for the Cortland offense to unleash itself. Buffalo scored quickly and easily when Cortland appeared confused about backfield assignments. The conversion, was good, and Buffalo also made a penalty kick to make the halftime score Buffalo 9, Cortland 0. Cortland had threatened offensively in the first half, but they were unable to score.

For the second game in a row, Cortland displayed some second half magic. The Cortland scrum began to totally dominate Buffalo in every phase of their game winning one scrum after another. Wing forward Frankie Tolan scored first for Cortland on a short run, but the conversion was missed. With less than five minutes left in the game, center Marty Gillard carried a Buffalo player or two into the end zone for a try.

This made the score 9-8 in favor of Buffalo, with the two point conversion attempt to come. In a pressure packed situation, winger Blair McFarlane calmly made the conversion to send Cortland ahead for good. Buffalo never had a chance in the last few minutes.