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1 Period: 09:04 COR Gallace (McLeod, Watson); 11:38 ALL Wiklander (Giallonardo, Chitarroni); 15:22 COR Krestanovich (Watson, McLeod); 19:44 ALL Fontanive F. (Harder, Jamieson);

2 Period: 35:38 ALL Bilotto (Jamieson); 38:03 COR Da Corte (Krestanovich, Wilde); 38:55 COR McLeod (Wilde, Da Corte); 39:30 COR Cullen (Souza, De Bettin)

3 Period: 49:06 ALL Fontanive F. (Giallonardo, Harder); 59:29 COR Cullen

Cortina and Alleghe, bitter rivals, faced off for first of six regular season games on Thursday night. Both teams started off well but the first score didn't come until almost halfway into the period. Ryan Watson made a nice pass to Kiel McLeod who was able to hit a streaking Steve Gallace to put Cortina up 1 – 0. Less than two minutes later Alleghe tied the game while on the power play. Paul Giallonardo assisted Johan Wiklander who snuck a wrist shot over Maund's right shoulder. Fun fact: in Italian this is called the seven because of the shape the post and crossbar make. At 15.22 Cortina went ahead again just as Alleghe came off the penalty kill. Jordan Krestanovich shot, Ryan Watson screened Alleghe's goalie, Phil Groeneveld, and the puck slid in between his pads. With 16 seconds left in the period Fabrizio Fontanive scored to tie the game going into the second period. Halfway through the second period Cortina was on the penalty kill with Steve Gallace in the box for supposed elbow. Alleghe's Nick Bilotto scored on a one timer assisted by Dusty Jamieson to put Alleghe in the lead for the first time. With three minutes left in the period Alleghe received two penalties to give Cortina two minutes of 5 on 3 play. Cortina was able to capitalize just 13 seconds into the power play with a great shot by Gigi Da Corte to tie the game once again. Just seconds later McLeod received the puck from Mike Souza skated it in and buried a shot between Groeneveld's pad and the post to put Cortina on top. With 30 seconds remaining Cortina scored their third goal in less than a minute and a half. Giorgio De Bettin passed to Souza who had a beautiful pass from behind the net to Joe Cullen who scored to put Cortina ahead 5 – 3 going into the third. Both sides had some good chances in the third. Wiklander had a strong shot that deflected straight up and was batted out by Gallace. At 9.06 Alleghe converted on a rebound from Giallonardo to put them within one goal. At 12.17 Louis Robitaille and Mario Chitarroni got in a scuffle after Chitarroni checked Robitaille. Both players were suspended for one game and fined. Alleghe had some confusion towards the end of the game and started to call Groeneveld to the bench for the extra player. Cullen had the puck and as he carried it up ice realized Alleghe's mistake and shot from the redline to seal the win for Cortina. Cortina remains undefeated and takes on Brunico on Saturday night.