SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Fredonia (Doubleheader)
Tuesday, April 6, 2004; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 17, Fredonia 1
GAME 2: Cortland 4, Fredonia 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) allowed three hits and one unearned run over six innings and senior Josh Young (Rochester/Brighton) extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a two-run single as nationally 13th-ranked Cortland defeated Fredonia, 4-2, in the second game of a SUNYAC twinbill.

Cortland (11-8, 6-0) also claimed the first game, 17-1, as junior Matt Miller (Harrison) allowed three hits and one run over four innings of the seven-inning contest. Senior Josh Horner (Groton) hit a solo homer and sophomore Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and senior Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) each hit two-run homers in a five-run fifth inning for the Red Dragons.

In the second game, Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the first without the benefit of a hit. Young led off with a walk, stole second, moved to third on a one-out groundout and scored on a wild pitch. In the next inning, Basnight led off with an infield single and stole second. He moved to third on a groundout and scored on junior Steve Newman's (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) groundout to second. Junior Nick Wilson (Auburn) and freshman Will Groff (Queensbury) followed with back-to-back infield singles, with a throwing error allowing Wilson to go to third. Groff stole second and Young singled up the middle – Cortland's first ball hit to the outfield – to drive in two runs.

Fredonia scored once in the fourth when Tim Lockhart (Youngstown/Lewiston-Porter) reached on a fielding error by Cortland's third baseman and moved to second on the play on a throwing error by the leftfielder. He advanced to third on a one-out single by Donny Burch (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) and scored on a wild pitch. The Blue Devils closed the gap to 4-2 in the top of the seventh on Brandon Miller's (Ripley) solo homer to left.

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Fredonia drew a leadoff walk in the eighth. Nick McPartland (Beacon), Cortland's third pitcher of the game, entered at that point. He struck out a batter, walked the next, then got out of the jam with a strikeout and a flyout. The Blue Devils also had a runner reach on a one-out error in the ninth, but McPartland registered a strikeout and a flyout to earn his first save of the season.

Fredonia starter Mike Munski (Rochester/Rush-Henrietta) settled down after a tough start. He allowed six hits and four runs, three earned, in seven innings. He struck out three and walked two. Scott Herdzik (Dunkirk) pitched one inning and allowed one hit. Hubbs struck out four and walked one to improve his record to 3-2 for the Red Dragons.

In the opener, Horner and Basnight each finished 3-for-5 with a homer and two RBI. Horner also added a double and senior Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) went 3-for-5 with a double and three RBI. Heaton and senior Kyle Bestine (Westfield) each drove in two runs. Miller, now 3-1, struck out two and walked none. Freshman Jim Dougher (Liverpool) gave up just one hit and fanned four in two scoreless innings and senior Ryan Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) tossed a hitless seventh with one strikeout.

Cortland took advantage of two errors to score two unearned runs in the first. The Red Dragons added seven runs in the second on a Horner RBI single, a D'Auria two-run single, a Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) RBI single, Bestine's two-run double and Young's run-scoring single. Cortland's three homers accounted for all five runs in the third and D'Auria singled in a run in the fourth. The Red Dragons closed the scoring with two in the sixth, one on a passed ball and the other on a Wilson RBI single.

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Fredonia: Bret McCabe (L, 0-4), David Tubbs (3), Tim Lockhart (5) and Adam Fusco, John Sellmeyer (4)
Cortland: Matt Miller (W, 3-1), Jim Dougher (5), Ryan Ensel (7) and Kyle Bestine, Ray Chopay (5)

HR - Josh Horner (C), Jimmy Basnight (C), Neal Heaton Jr. (C)
2B - Kyle Adams (F), Andy Mead (C), Josh Horner (C), Pat D'Auria (C), Kyle Bestine (C)

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Fredonia: Mike Munski (L, 0-1), Scott Herdzik (8) and Adam Fusco (Blue Devils: 1-16 ,0-6 SUNYAC)
Cortland: Mike Hubbs (W, 2-3), Brian Mitchell (7), Nick McPartland (8) (Save, 1) and Matt Ellis (Red Dragons: 11-8, 6-0 SUNAYC, ranked 13th in Div. III)

HR - Brandon Miller (F)
2B - Bryan Recchia (F)