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SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Hartwick College (Doubleheader)
Sunday, April 25, 2004; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

Game 1: Cortland 14, Hartwick 0
Game 2: Cortland 4, Hartwick 3 (called after top of 6th, rain)

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Matt Miller (Harrison) struck out 12 batters in five innings, including nine straight between the third and fifth innings, as Cortland defeated Hartwick, 14-0, in the opening game of a non-league doubleheader. The nationally eighth-ranked Red Dragons (23-11) won the nightcap, 4-3, in a game called after the top of the sixth inning due to rain.

Miller's 12 strikeouts are one shy of his career high 13, set last year in a win at Hartwick. He fanned two batters in the first before allowing a single to Tyler Saladin (Weedsport). He struck out the second batter he faced in the second, then started his nine-strikeout run in the top of the third. The streak ended when Jonathan Dillon (Glens Falls) singled through the right side to lead off the sixth. Miller, now 5-1 on the season, was pulled at that point due to his pitch count. Junior Brian Mitchell (Bolivar/Bolivar-Richburg) fanned one batter in the sixth and freshman Jason Hauck (Kirksville/East Syracuse-Minoa) struck out a batter in the seventh as the Red Dragon pitchers recorded 14 of their 21 outs by strikeout.

Three Cortland players enjoyed three-hit games as part of an 18-hit attack. Senior Josh Horner (Groton) was 3-for-4 with two triples, a double and two RBI. Senior Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) was 3-for-3 with a double, a walk and an RBI and sophomore Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) went 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Sophomore Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-4 with a solo homer and a double, junior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) finished 2-for-3 with a sacrifice fly and three RBI and senior Matt Ellis (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Brett Rottkamp (Levittown/Island Trees) suffered the loss for Hartwick, allowing 11 hits and seven runs in four innings. Hartwick scored at least once in each of its six innings at the plate, including four runs in the fourth and sixth innings and three in the fifth.

The second game was postponed for 29 minutes due to rain heading into the bottom of the first inning. The game was called after Hartwick (4-19) scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning. The runs count for the Hawks since they do not affect the game's final outcome.

Sophomore Jason Chyr (Vernon/Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) improved to 4-0 with the victory. He allowed nine hits and three runs, two earned, in six innings. He struck out seven and walked none.

Cortland scored twice in the second off Hartwick starter Josh MacCreery (Oneonta). Sophomore Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) singled with one out, moved to second on a groundout and scored on Wilson's RBI single to right. Wilson moved to second on an error and came in on Basnight's RBI single up the middle. The Red Dragons added two runs in the third. Heaton and Horner each singled and junior Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) doubled to right to drive in Heaton. Sidebottom's sacrifice fly on a liner to left scored Horner.

Hartwick had runners on second and third in the third inning and left two runners stranded in the third. The Hawks got on the board in the fourth. John Spellman (Clinton) led off with a single up the middle. John Crea (Windsor) reached on an error as the ball went through Cortland's third baseman, but Spellman was thrown out by leftfielder Sidebottom trying to advance to third. A groundout moved Crea from second to third and John Hudak's (Corinth) single up the middle plated the run.

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With the rain coming down harder in the sixth, Seth Farrelly (St. Thomas, Virgin Islands/Antilles) led off with a single, the first of four Hartwick hits in the inning. Creat and Mike Palanza (Waverly) hit back-to-back singles with one out to load the bases and Hudak followed with a two-run single up the middle. A groundout moved the runners to second and third. Matthew Mooney (Windsor, CT/Loomis Chaffee) then hit a slow roller that Red Dragon third baseman Josh Young (Rochester/Brighton) made a nice play on to retire the side and preserve the lead. The game was called at that point.

Hudak finished 2-for-3 with three RBI for Hartwick. MacCreery allowed seven hits and four runs, three earned, in five innings. Heaton was 2-for-3 for the Red Dragons and finished the doubleheader with five hits in six at-bats.

**Game 1: Cortland 14, Hartwick 0**

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Hartwick: Brett Rottkamp (L, 0-6), Adam Gadoury (5), Avram Doomchin (6) and Josh Van Arsdale
Cortland: Matt Miller (W, 5-1), Brian Mitchell (6), Jason Hauck (7) and Matt Ellis

2B - Jimmy Basnight (C), Andy Mead (C), Josh Horner (C), Neal Heaton Jr. (C), Nick Wilson (C)
3B - Josh Horner (C) 2
HR - Andy Mead (C)

**Game 2: Cortland 4, Hartwick 3 (6 inn.)**

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Hartwick: Josh MacCreery (L, 0-1) and Seth Farrelly (Hawks: 4-19)
Cortland: Jason Chyr (W, 4-0) and Ray Chopay (Red Dragons: 23-11, ranked 8th in Div. III)

2B - Nate Gagnon (C)