SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Mt. St. Mary College
Tuesday, March 30, 2004; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 16, Mt. St. Mary 0

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Ken Hartling (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) and three relievers combined on a three-hit shutout as Cortland, ranked 13th nationally in Division III, defeated visiting Mt. St. Mary College, 16-0, in a non-league contest.

Hartling pitched six innings for his first victory as a Red Dragon. The former Dutchess Community College hurler allowed just two hits and no walks and struck out seven. Freshman Jim Dougher (Liverpool) and sophomore Lex Redding (Kingston/Rondout Valley) each pitched one hitless inning. Freshman Jon Rockfeld (Islip Terrace/East Islip), making his first appearance of the season, gave up one hit and one strikeout and struck one out in the ninth as the Blue Knights left the bases loaded.

Cortland (9-8) finished with 22 hits. Freshman Will Groff (Queensbury) went 5-for-5 with two doubles and two RBI. Junior Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) finished 3-for-5 with a home run, three RBI and three runs scored, senior Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) was 3-for-5 with a double and three RBI and senior Josh Young (Rochester/Brighton) extended his hitting streak to 13 games by going 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

In addition, junior Nick Wilson (Auburn) was 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI, junior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) was 2-for-5 and senior Matt Ellis (Owego/Owego Free Academy) drove in three runs.

Senior Joe Bell (Newburgh/Newburgh Free Academy) was 2-for-3 for the Blue Knights (4-9). His single with two outs in the fourth was the first baserunner allowed by Hartling after 11 straight outs to start the game. Junior Kevin Rall (Lynbrook/Kellenberg Memorial) was 1-for-3. Sophomore Shawn Pedersen (Pine Bush) suffered the loss, allowing eight runs, seven earned, and 11 hits in four innings.

Cortland scored once in the second on a Heaton infield single and put up five runs in the third. Gagnon's infield single and Ellis' groundout each drove in runs. Heaton, Groff and Young then followed with three consecutive RBI doubles. Gagnon hit a deep two-run homer to right in the fourth and the Red Dragons added four in the sixth on an Ellis two-run single, a Heaton RBI groundout and a Groff RBI single up the middle.

Cortland's final four runs came in the eighth, all with two outs. Heaton and Groff each singled and Young doubled in a run. Sophomore Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) followed with a two-run single and sophomore Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) drove him in with a double to right.

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Mt. St. Mary: Shawn Pedersen (L, 0-3), Tim Jones (5), Shane Bell (7), Mike Way (8) and Jim Arneth
Cortland: Ken Hartling (W, 1-0), Jim Dougher (7), Lex Redding (8), Jon Rockfeld (9) and Matt Ellis, Ray Chopay (8)

HR - Nate Gagnon (C)
2B - Will Groff (C) 2, Josh Young (C), Nick Wilson (C), Adam Sidebottom (C), Neal Heaton Jr. (C)