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SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Oneonta (Doubleheader)
Sunday, April 18, 2004; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Oneonta 6, Cortland 4
GAME 2: Cortland 19, Oneonta 4

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Oneonta rallied from a 4-2 deficit with three runs in the top of the sixth and defeated nationally eighth-ranked Cortland, 6-4, in the first game of a SUNYAC doubleheader. Cortland bounced back in the second game, scoring 13 runs in the fourth inning on its way to a 19-4 victory. Oneonta is now 17-11 overall and 7-5 in SUNYAC play. Cortland, which had clinched the league regular-season title on Saturday, is now 20-10 and finishes regular-season league play with a 13-1 mark. Cortland will host the four-team, double-elimination SUNYAC tournament April 30 - May 2.

The first game, a seven-inning contest, featured a two-hour, eight-minute rain delay in the bottom of the seventh inning. Oneonta was one out away from the victory when Cortland's Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was hit by a pitch. The game was halted at that point due to a severe thunderstorm, and when play resumed first baseman Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) singled to right to advance pinch-runner Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) to second. A wild pitch moved Sidebottom to third and pinch-runner Ryan Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) to second, but a groundout to second ended the game.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the third when senior Kyle Bestine (Westfield) led off with a double, moved to third on a flyout and scored on Steve Newman's (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) sacrifice fly to right. Mead led off the bottom of the fourth with a solo homer to extend the lead to 2-0.

Oneonta tied the game with two runs in the fifth. Mike VanPatten (Watervliet) reached on an infield single to start the inning. Chris Brew (Vestal) then bunted and Cortland pitcher Matt Miller's (Harrison) throw to first was wild and went all the way to the bullpen in right field foul territory. VanPatten scored on the play and Brew went to third. After a walk and a flyout, Rocco Grassi's (Endicott/Union-Endicott) squeeze bunt to first scored Brew.

In the bottom of the fifth, Bestine was hit by a pitch and moved to second on a wild pitch. Newman drew a one-out walk and Josh Horner's (Groton) single through the right side scored Bestine. Mead then hit a fly ball to center for a sacrifice fly, also reaching on the play when the ball was dropped. Oneonta escaped further damage, though, with two flyouts.

Oneonta started its winning rally with a Greg Sulz (Latham/Shaker) single to right and a Rob Elmendorf (Hyde Park/Roosevelt) walk. Reliever Jim Dougher (Liverpool) then bunted and Cortland pitcher Jamie Wright (Ithaca/Lansing) to load the bases and, two batters later, Brew doubled down the first-base line to drive in the tying runs. A fielder's choice grounder to first by Thomas Colt (Lansing) scored Wright with the go-ahead run. Oneonta added an insurance run in the seventh. Elmendorf singled with one out, moved to third on a Mike Schellinger (Fayetteville/Jamesville-DeWitt) single up the middle and scored on VanPatten's fielder's choice.

Jarred Brown (Oneida), Oneonta's third pitcher of the game, earned a win in his first decision of the season. Greg Funck (Roxbury) entered the game in the sixth and earned his third save. He came in with one out and a runner on third in the sixth and recorded a groundout to third and a flyout to deep left to prevent the tying run from scoring.

Miller pitched five innings for Cortland and gave up three hits and four runs, earned. Dougher suffered the loss as he was responsible for the runner that became Oneonta's go-ahead run.

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In the second game, Cortland sent 17 batters to the plate and registered nine hits in their 13-run, fourth-inning outburst. Horner hit a solo homer to lead off the inning and also hit a two-run double later in the frame. Senior Matt Ellis (Owego/Owego Free Academy) had both an RBI single and RBI double in the inning and junior Nick Wilson (Auburn) drove in runs with a bases-loaded walk and an RBI single. Other big hits in the inning included a two-run double by sophomore Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) and an RBI triple by Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic).

Cortland sophomore pitcher Jason Chyr (Vernon/Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) pitched five innings for the win to run his record to 3-0. He retired the first 11 batters he faced before issuing a walk to Elmendorf with two outs in the fourth. The only hit he allowed was a one-out single to Brew in the fifth.

Senior Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) was 3-for-6 with a double and a three-run triple for the Red Dragons, Horner finished 2-for-6 with a homer, double and three RBI and Ellis went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Basnight finished 2-for-3 with a triple, an RBI and three runs scored.

Brew was 2-for-4 for Oneonta. The Red Dragons scored three runs in the sixth on RBI singled by Sulz, Brad Guszack (Endwell/Maine-Endwell) and VanPatten and added a run in the ninth on a Sulz sacrifice fly. Ryan Marsh (Elmira/Elmira Free Academy), the first of six Oneonta pitchers, suffered the loss and is now 4-3.

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Oneonta: Josh Gransbury, Tom Locke (4), Jarred Brown (5) (W, 1-0), Greg Funck (6) (Save, 3) and Brent Tortarella, Mike Kuratnick (5) (Red Dragons: 17-11, 7-5 SUNYAC)

Cortland: Matt Miller, Jim Dougher (6) (L, 0-1), Nick McPartland (6) and Kyle Bestine

2B - Chris Brew (ON), Kyle Bestine (C)  
HR - Andy Mead (C)

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Oneonta: Ryan Marsh (L, 4-3), Don Lawrence (4), Tucker Lind (4), Bryant Parker (6), Thomas Colt (7), Jarred Brown (8) and Brent Tortarella, Mike Kuratnick (5) (Red Dragons: 17-11, 7-5 SUNYAC)

Cortland: Jason Chyr (W, 3-0), Jon Rockfeld (6), Lex Redding (8) and Matt Ellis, Ray Chopay (6)

2B - Steve Newman (C), Josh Horner (C), Neal Heaton Jr. (C), Adam Sidebottom (C), Matt Ellis (C)  
3B - Neal Heaton Jr. (C), Jimmy Basnight (C)  
HR - Josh Horner (C)