TROY, N.Y. – Junior Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) and freshman Will Groff (Queensbury) each homered and sophomore Jason Chyr (Vernon/Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) scattered five hits over six and one-third innings for his second win of the season as Cortland, ranked 13th nationally in Division III, defeated 29th-ranked Rensselaer, 10-5. Cortland (15-8) increases its winning streak to 13 games with the victory.

Sophomore Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) was 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI and sophomore Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Red Dragons. Marc Shumsker was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI and Dan Quinn was 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Red Hawks (15-9).

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the first as Basnight led off with a double, stole third and scored on a Mead groundout. Rensselaer scored twice in the first on Ryan Meron's RBI groundout and Quinn's RBI single. The Red Dragons regained the lead at 3-2 in the second on Basnight's two-run single, but the Red Hawks tied the game in the bottom of the frame on an run-scoring double by Shumsker.

Cortland gained the lead for good on Gagnon's three-run homer in the top of the third. Mead led off with a single and senior Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) singled with one out prior to Gagnon's blast. In the fifth, Heaton led off with a walk and moved to third on a Gagnon single. A one-out wild pitch scored Heaton, and Groff followed with a two-run homer, his first on the collegiate level. A fielding error later in the inning allowed another Red Dragon run to score.

Rensselaer scored its final two runs in the seventh on Collin Adalian's two-run double. Mead threw out Adalian from right field, however, trying to stretch the play into a triple to end the inning. The Red Hawks had runners advance to third base in each of the last two innings but couldn't score.

Chyr, now 2-0, struck out three and walked two. He allowed three runs. Sophomore Lex Redding (Kingston/Rondout Valley) allowed two runs in the seventh. Senior Ryan Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) pitched the final one and two-third innings, giving up two hits and no runs.

Cortland 10, Rensselaer 5

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Cortland: Jason Chyr (W, 2-0), Lex Redding (7), Ryan Ensel (8) and Kyle Bestine, Matt Ellis (6) (Red Dragons: 15-8)
Rensselaer: Erik Thunnell (L), Max Miller (5) and Jason Pollard

HR - Nate Gagnon (C), Will Groff (C)
2B - Jimmy Basnight (C), Collin Adalian (R), Nick Parenteau (R), Jason Pollard (R), Marc Shumsker (R)