SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. St. John Fisher College
Wednesday, April 21, 2004; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: St. John Fisher 4, Cortland 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Matthew Chollet (Pittsford/Pittsford-Mendon) pitched a five-hitter and sophomore Bryan Phillips (Fayetteville/Fayetteville-Manlius) went 4-for-5 with an RBI as St. John Fisher defeated nationally eighth-ranked Cortland, 4-2, in a non-league matchup. The Cardinals (22-8) earned their 11th straight victory, while the Red Dragons fall to 20-11.

Chollett struck out six and improved his record to 4-1. Junior Ken Hartling (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) suffered the loss, giving up five hits and three runs in an inning and a third.

Fisher's first four batters reached base to start the game. Phillips led off with a double to right center and Ryan McCoy (Johnson City/Union-Endicott) walked. Andy Campbell (Manlius/Fayetteville-Manlius) singled to center to load the bases and Patrick Craig (Getzville/St. Joseph's) singled to left to drive in Phillips. Chris Botsford (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) also drove in a run with a groundout to first.

The Cardinals added a run on three hits in the second to knock out Hartling. Brandon Potter (Bloomfield) singled to right center with one out and Phillips singled through the right side. McCoy greeted Red Dragon reliever Ryan Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) with a single to right to load the bases. Campbell then hit a ball to short and Cortland attempted to turn a double play, but Campbell beat the throw to first and Potter scored.

Cortland got a run back in the fifth. Matt Ellis (Owego/Owego Free Academy) led off with a single and went to second on a wild pitch. Nick Wilson (Auburn) walked and Jimmy Basnight's (East Norwich/St. Dominic) sacrifice bunt moved the runners to second and third with one out. Josh Young (Rochester/Brighton) followed with a line drive sacrifice fly to left to score Ellis.

Fisher increased its lead back to three in the sixth. Pete Davis (Rochester/Aquinas Institute) led off with a double to right center. Ensel got the next two batters to both ground out to short, with Davis holding at second, but Phillips lined a single to right center – his fourth hit – to drive in the run. Chollet retired the first two batters in the ninth before allowing pinch-hitter Nate Gagnon's (Wilton/South Glens Falls) solo homer to right – his fifth roundtripper of the season. Basnight and Young each walked, with Basnight also stealing two bases in the inning, but Chollet struck out the final batter to end the game with the tying runs on base.

Heaton finished 2-for-5 for Cortland. Ensel gave up six hits and one run in six and one-third innings of relief and Brian Mitchell (Bolivar/Bolivar-Richburg) did not allow any hits over the final inning and one-third.

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St. John Fisher: Matthew Chollet (W, 4-1) and Brandon Potter (Cardinals: 22-8)
Cortland: Ken Hartling (L, 1-1), Ryan Ensel (2), Brian Mitchell (8) and Kyle Bestine, Matt Ellis (4) (Red Dragons: 20-11)

2B - Bryan Phillips (SJF), Pete Davis (SJF)
HR - Nate Gagnon (C)