CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Matt Miller (Harrison) pitched a one-hitter with 10 strikeouts in the opener and sophomore Jason Chyr (Vernon/Vernon-Verona-Sherrill) earned his first collegiate victory in the nightcap as nationally eighth-ranked Cortland (6-8, 2-0) swept SUNYIT, 4-0 and 15-3, in a SUNYAC doubleheader.

in the seven-inning first game, Miller retired the first eight batters before allowing a bunt single to Jason Vick (Stuyvesant/Ichabod Crane) with two outs in the third. The only other runner Miller allowed was on a hit batsman with one out in the fourth. He struck out the side twice and at one point struck out six straight batters between the fourth and sixth innings.

Junior Richard Laganiere (Binghamton/Univ. of Maine) suffered the loss despite allowing only five hits and two earned runs in four and two-third innings. He struck out four and walked one. Cortland scored twice in the second without the benefit of a hit. Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) led off with a walk and stole second. An error on a grounder by Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) allowed Basnight to score. Gagnon stole second, went to third one out later on a passed ball and scored on an RBI groundout to second by Matt Ellis (Owego/Owego Free Academy).

In the fifth, Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) singled with one out and eventually scored on Pat D'Auria's (Upper Nyack/Nyack) two-run homer to left center.

Cortland recorded 16 hits and 13 stolen bases in the nine-inning second game. Chyr pitched six innings, allowing four hits and three runs, two earned. He struck out seven and walked two. Brian Mitchell (Bolivar/Bolivar-Richburg), Jim Dougher (Liverpool) and Lex Redding (Kingston/Rondout Valley) each tossed one scoreless inning.

Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) finished 3-for-5 with three RBI. His leadoff homer in the bottom of the eighth was the Red Dragons’ only extra-base hit in the contest. Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) went 3-for-4 with a walk, two steals and two RBI and Josh Horner (Groton) was 2-for-5 with five RBI. Josh Young (Rochester/Brighton) was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, three runs scored and four stolen bases and Mead finished 2-for-3 with a walk, RBI and two steals. Cortland was 13-for-14 on stolen bases attempts in the game and 18-for-19 in the doubleheader.

SUNYIT (4-3, 0-2) scored once in the fourth on a solo homer by Rob Pedulla (Utica/Mohawk Valley CC) and once in the fifth on Laganiere's RBI single. Trailng 6-2, the Wildcats came within a couple of feet of closing their deficit to 6-5 later in the fifth but Alex Kersman's (Worcester/Fulton-Montgomery CC) deep fly ball with two on was caught a step in front of the left field fence by D'Auria. Jason Lansing (Trumansburg/Hudson Valley CC) finished 2-for-4 with a double for SUNYIT.
CORTLAND BASEBALL vs. SUNYIT (doubleheader)
March 27, 2004; Cortland, N.Y.

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Cortland: Matt Miller (W, 2-1) and Matt Ellis

HR - Pat D'Auria (C)
2B - Josh Young (C)

**Game 2: Cortland 15, SUNYIT 3**

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SUNYIT: Brad Ebert (L, 2-1), Matt Mosenthin (6), Steve Schaefer (8) and Norm Liberman
Cortland: Jason Chyr (W, 1-0), Brian Mitchell (7), Jim Dougher (8), Lex Redding (9) and Kyle Bestine, Ray Chopay (7)

HR - Rob Pedulla (S), Adam Sidebottom (C)
2B - Jason Lansing (S)