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SUNY Cortland vs. Alvernia College
Sunday, May 15, 2005; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Alvernia 9, Cortland 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Alvernia College, ranked 25th in Division III, defeated fourth-ranked Cortland, 9-1, in a final tuneup for both teams prior to NCAA Division III tournament play. The Crusaders (36-4), the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference champion, and the Red Dragons (35-7-1), the State University of New York Athletic Conference champion, will both receive automatic berths into next week’s 42-team NCAA field.

Ryan Zimmerman was 2-for-4, including an inside-the-park homer, to lead the Crusaders. Ben Reifsnyder went 2-for-4 with an RBI and Anthony Recker was 2-for-5. Doug Fritchman, the first of three pre-arranged pitcher, earned the win. He allowed two hits and no runs in three innings. Brandon DeWald tossed the next three innings, allowing three hits and one run. Artie Gehret picked up the save with one-hit scoreless ball over the final three innings.

Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) was 2-for-4. Nick Wilson (Auburn) went 1-for-3 with a double and Will Groff (Queensbury) was 1-for-3 with an RBI for the Red Dragons.

Alvernia took a 2-0 lead in the second. Recker doubled, Zimmerman walked two batters later and Dan Myers singled to load the bases. Reifsnyder’s bunt single on a squeeze play brought in a run, and Ryan Mark walked two batters later to force in a run. In the fourth, Zimmerman hit a fly ball to deep left to lead off the inning. Cortland leftfielder Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) almost made a homer-saving catch, but he hit the fence and when he fell to the ground the ball rolled loose. Zimmerman raced around the bases for an inside-the-park homer and a 3-0 lead.

Zimmerman also singled in a run in the sixth, and an RBI single by Eric Bonds in the seventh extended Alvernia’s lead to 5-1. The Crusaders tacked on four more runs in the ninth, including an Edwin Tavarez RBI single and a Zach Lutz two-run double.

Cortland’s lone run came in the bottom of the fifth. Pat D’Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) led off with a single, moved to second on a Sidebottom single and scored on a two-out single by Groff.

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Alvernia: Doug Fritchman (W, 2-0), Brandon DeWald (4), Artie Gehret (7) and Anthony Recker (Crusaders: 36-4, ranked 25th in Div. III)
Cortland: Toby Youngs (L, 1-1), Ken Hartling (4), Ryan Hooper (6), Justin Mattes (7), Brandon Olbrys (9) and Shawn Ensel, Erik Johnson (Red Dragons: 35-7-1, ranked 4th in Div. III)

2B - Zach Lutz (A), Anthony Recker (A), Ben Reifsnyder (A), Nick Wilson (C)
HR - Ryan Zimmerman (A)