SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Hartwick College
Sunday, May 1, 2005; Damaschke Field; Oneonta, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 13, Hartwick 2

ONEONTA, N.Y. – Senior Matt Miller (Harrison) became Cortland's career win leader as the nationally sixth-ranked Red Dragons defeated Hartwick, 13-2, in a non-league matchup. Cortland is now 31-5-1 and the Hawks drop to 8-18.

Miller allowed only one hit, did not walk a batter and struck out six in four innings for the victory. He qualifies for the win despite not pitching five innings per NCAA rules since it was pre-arranged by the Cortland coaching staff that at least three pitchers would throw in the contest and Miller left the game as the pitcher of the record. Miller is 7-0 this season and has 25 victories in his collegiate career. The previous school record of 24 wins was held by Mike Dempsey, who completed his Red Dragon career in 1999.

Cortland pitchers struck out 13 batters and did not allow any runs until the final inning. Sophomore Jim Dougher (Liverpool) followed Miller and tossed two hitless innings, striking out three. Sophomore Jon Rockfeld (Islip Terrace/East Islip) gave up one hit and struck out two in the seventh inning and junior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) retired the side in order in the eighth, two by strikeout.

Sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion) was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI and junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) went 2-for-4 with a double and RBI for the Red Dragons. Junior Ray Chopay (Commack) was 2-for-2 with two runs scored off the bench and freshman Johnny Giametta Jr. (Marlboro) drove in two runs after subbing in for Robinson.

Cortland took a 3-0 lead in the fourth on sophomore Will Groff’s (Queensbury) RBI fielder’s choice and freshman Erik Johnson’s (Mount Kisco/Fox Lane) RBI single, along with an error that allowed the third run to score. Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) and Robinson hit back-to-back doubles to highlight a three-run fifth inning and Tacelli doubled in a run in the seventh to extend the lead to 7-0.

Junior Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint) doubled home a run in the eighth, with two more runs scoring on a misplay of a ball hit by Giametta. A wild pitch, a Giametta RBI groundout and a Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) RBI single provided three more runs in the ninth.

Hartwick managed just two hits through the first eighth innings – a single by Mike Palanza with one out in the second and Tyler Saladin one-out double in the seventh. Anthony Angrisano and Palanza singled home runs in the ninth to break up Cortland's shutout bid. Palanza was 2-for-4 and Saladin finished 1-for-3.

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Cortland: Matt Miller (W, 7-0), Jim Dougher (5), Jon Rockfeld (7), Jason Chyr (8), Justin Mattes (9), Brandon Olbrys (9) and Erik Johnson, Shawn Ensel (6), Jason Perry (8) (Red Dragons: 31-5-1, ranked 6th in Div. III)

Hartwick: Nick Paslow (L, 1-5), Adam Gadoury (6), Av Doomchin (8), Matt Bennett (9) and Josh Van Arsdale, Cody Hapanowicz (9) (Hawks: 8-18)

2B - Jimmy Basnight (C), Zach Tacelli (C), Andy Mead (C), Adam Sidebottom (C), Travis Robinson (C), Tyler Saladin (H)