SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Manhattanville College (Doubleheader)
Saturday, March 26, 2005; Dobbelaar Field; Hoboken, N.J.

Game 1: Cortland 19, Manhattanville 8
Game 2: Cortland 12, Manhattanville 1

HOBOKEN, N.J. – Cortland's offense combined for 31 runs and 31 hits as the nationally 24th-ranked Red Dragons swept Manhattanville College in a twi-night doubleheader at Stevens Tech's Dobbelaar Field. Cortland rallied from a 7-0 deficit after two innings to win the nine-inning opener, 19-8, then jumped out to a 10-1 lead after three innings in a 12-1 win in the seven-inning nightcap. Cortland improves to 12-3 with the wins. The Valiants are now 2-6.

Junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) and senior Nick Wilson (Auburn), who both entered the game as subs, combined to drive in eight runs in the opener. Tacelli pinch hit in the sixth inning, yet still finished the game 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI. Wilson pinch-hit in the third and stayed in the game at shortstop. He was 2-for-5 with five RBI, including a three-run homer in the sixth and a two-run single in the seventh.

Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) hit a solo homer in the ninth and finished with two hits and two RBI. Sophomore Will Groff (Queensbury), sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion) and junior Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) also recorded two hits apiece. Cortland finished with 21 hits in the contest.

Junior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S), the third of five Cortland pitchers, earned the win. He allowed only one hit and two walks and struck out four in four and one-third scoreless innings.

Manhattanville scored twice in the first and five times in the second, including three runs on bases-loaded walks, to take a 7-0 lead. Cortland got a run back in the third on a Mead RBI groundout and added two in the fifth on a Newman sacrifice fly and Robinson RBI single. Wilson's three-run round-tripper in the sixth cut the deficit to 7-6. Groff followed with a single, moved to second on a groundout, then stole third and scored on an error on the play to tie the game.

The Red Dragons added six runs in the top of the seventh to break the tie and six more in the ninth. Tacelli's two-run double, Erik Johnson's (Mount Kisco/Fox Lane) run-scoring single and Wilson's two-run single highlighted the seventh-inning scoring burst. Newman led off the ninth with his solo homer, and Basnight singled in a run and Tacelli hit an RBI double later in the inning. John Previti hit a homer for Manhattanville and Mark Barrar was 2-for-5 with two RBI.

In the nightcap, senior Mike Burnett (Westfield) earned the win with four innings of two-hit ball. He allowed one run, walked two and struck out one. Cortland scored five runs in the bottom of the first on a Mead RBI single, a Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) sacrifice fly, a wild pitch and a Tacelli two-run homer. The Red Dragons' five-run third was fueled by a Groff three-run double and a Basnight sacrifice fly. Cortland's other runs came on a Wilson RBI single in the fourth and a Sean Caughey (Cortland) sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Newman finished 2-for-2 with a double and Wilson was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Tacelli drove in two runs and scored twice and Groff was 1-for-3 with a double and three RBI. The Red Dragons recorded 10 hits in six innings at the plate. Anthony Annuziata went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Valiants, who were held to three hits.

Cortland was originally scheduled to play at William Paterson on Saturday in Wayne, N.J., but that doubleheader was canceled due to the weather. The Red Dragons were able to schedule a late doubleheader versus Manhattanville, who is coached by former Cortland pitcher and assistant coach Jeff Caulfield, on the turf field at Stevens Tech.

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Cortland (11-3): Matt Miller, Jim Dougher (2), Jason Chyr (2) (W, 2-0), Ryan Hooper (7), Ken Hartling (9) and Erik Johnson, Ray Chopay (8)
Manhattanville (2-5): John Previti, Mike Seminara (5) (L), Frank Albano (8) and Rich Battista, Jeff Dunn (8)

HR - Steve Newman (C), Nick Wilson (C), John Previti (M)
2B - Will Groff (C), Steve Newman (C), Zach Tacelli (C) 2

Game 2: Cortland 12, Manhattanville 1

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Manhattanville (2-6): Alberto Bocus (L), Paul Kouba (4), Dave McCorison (5) and Jeff Dunn
Cortland (12-3): Mike Burnett (W, 2-2), Jon Rockfeld (5), Justin Mattes (6) and Shawn Ensel

HR - Zach Tacelli (C)
2B - Anthony Annunziata (M), Will Groff (C), Steve Newman (C)