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SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Mount St. Mary
Wednesday, April 13, 2005; Delano-Hitch Stadium; Newburgh, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 18, Mt. St. Mary 1

NEWBURGH, N.Y. – Freshman Johnny Giametta Jr. (Marlboro) went 4-for-5 with a triple and five runs batted in and junior Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) was 3-for-5 with a triple, double and three RBI as Cortland defeated Mount St. Mary, 18-1, in a non-league game. The game was called after seven innings due to pre-agreed upon 10-run rule. The Red Dragons improve to 20-4 and have won at least 20 games in each of the last 16 seasons.

Senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) tripled in his final at-bat in the top of the seventh to finish 1-for-5 and extend his hitting streak to 21 consecutive games. Current assistant coach Craig Kerner set the school record with his 26-game hitting streak in 1998.

Cortland led 6-1 after six innings before busting loose for 12 runs in the top of the seventh. Newman actually hit into a fielder's choice in his first at-bat of the seventh, but got another chance later in the inning and hit a two-run triple to left center to extend his streak.

Four Red Dragons recorded two hits apiece in the contest. Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-2 with a double, freshman Ryan Hooper (Red Hook) went 2-for-2 with an RBI, junior Brian Edmunds (Johnson City) was 2-for-3 with two RBI and freshman Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Newman and senior Pat D’Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) also finished with two RBI each.

Anthony Forgione Jr. was 2-for-3 for the Knights (4-8) and Chris Schacca went 1-for-2, including an RBI double in the second inning.

Cortland scored once in the first on a two-out Mead double, a wild pitch and a D’Auria RBI single to left. Giametta's RBI triple to center scored a run in the second. The Red Dragons added four in the third to take a 6-1 lead. Two runs scored on a fielding error, followed later in the inning by a Basnight run-scoring triple to right center and Giametta's RBI infield single.

The Red Dragons sent 18 batters to the plate in the seventh, recording 10 of their 19 hits in the inning. Basnight doubled in a run, Giametta singled home two runs and Russo hit an RBI double. Edmunds and Hooper each added RBI singles, Newman hit his two-run triple, and five more Red Dragons – Basnight, Giametta, Russo, Edmunds and Hooper – hit RBI singles later in the frame.

NOTEBOOK: Four Cortland players have had hitting streaks of 11 or more games this season. Newman's 21-game streak is the only one still active. Will Groff (Queensbury) hit safely in 14 straight games before being held hitless by Rensselaer last Sunday. Pat D’Auria had his 13-game hitting streak come to an end last week versus Ithaca, while Andy Mead’s 11-game streak was stopped by Rensselaer.
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Cortland: Ken Hartling (W, 2-0), Nick McPartland (4), Brandon Olbrys (6), Lex Redding (7) and Ray Chopay, Erik Johnson (7) (Red Dragons: 20-4)
Mt. St. Mary: Shawn Pedersen (L, 0-3), Leo Maldonado (4) and Vinny Critelli (Knights: 4-8)

2B - Joey Russo (C), Andy Mead (C), Jimmy Basnight (C), Chris Schacca (M)
3B - Steve Newman (C), Jimmy Basnight (C), Johnny Giametta Jr. (C)