SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Mt. Union (Ohio)
Thursday, March 10, 2005; Port Charlotte Sports Complex; Port Charlotte, Fla.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 8, Mt. Union 5

PORT CHARLOTTE, FLA -- Nationally 24th-ranked Cortland improved its record to 6-2 on the season with an 8-5 win against Mt. Union (Ohio) Thursday afternoon in Port Charlotte, Fla. The Red Dragons collected 11 hits in the seven-inning game in earning their fifth consecutive victory.

Junior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) picked up the win, allowing six hits and two earned runs with seven strikeouts in six innings. Junior Nick McPartland (Beacon) retired the side in the seventh to register the save.

Cortland plated three runs in the top of the third for a 3-0 lead. Junior Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) delivered a run-scoring two-out single and after a double by sophomore Will Groff (Queensbury), sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion) sent them both home with a single. Mt. Union answered back with a two-run single from Choo Moughiman in the bottom half of the inning.

The Red Dragons extended their lead to 7-2 in the top of the fourth. Junior Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) doubled home two runs and later scored on a wild pitch. Basnight scored the fourth run of the inning from third when Groff purposely got caught in a rundown between first and second.

Freshman Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) singled home senior Pat D’Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack), who had double with two outs, in the fifth to make in an 8-2 game.

Mt. Union scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth on one hit, two infield errors and a balk, but Chyr pitched out of further trouble when he struck out Mike Chuppa looking to end the threat. McPartland closed out the game by inducing three ground outs in the last of the seventh.

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Cortland: Jason Chyr (W, 1-0), Nick McPartland (7) and Shawn Ensel
Mt. Union: Time Newman (L), Nic Carucci (4) and Mike Chuppa

2B - Will Groff (C), Pat D’Auria (C), Ricky Piovesan (C), Tyson Ware (MU), Chris Liptak (MU)

Cortland: 6-2 (ranked 24th nationally in Div. III)
Mt. Union: 3-1-1