SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Oswego (Doubleheader)
Tuesday, April 5, 2005; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

Game 1: Cortland 16, Oswego 0
Game 2: Cortland 3, Oswego 0

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked 14th in Division III, opened its SUNYAC schedule with a pair of shutouts at home versus Oswego. Senior Mike Burnett (Westfield) pitched six innings of three-hit ball as the Red Dragons (14-3, 2-0) defeated the Lakers in the first game, 16-0. Senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) went 3-for-4 with three RBI and sophomore Shawn Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) added two hits and three RBI as part of a 20-hit attack.

In the nightcap, sophomore Jim Dougher (Liverpool) allowed three hits and struck out three in seven and one-third innings as Cortland posted a 3-0 win. Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) singled and scored in the first and hit a two-run homer in the fifth. He finished 2-for-4. Newman and junior Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) also had two hits for the Red Dragons, and junior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) allowed one hit in the ninth for his first save. Justin White (Hastings/Central Square) scattered eight hits and allowed three runs, two earned, in seven and two-thirds innings for the Lakers (6-5, 0-2)

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the first inning of the opener. Mead walked with two outs, went to second on a Pat D’Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) single and scored on Newman's single through the left side. The Red Dragons sent 11 batters to the plate and scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth. After back-to-back errors allowed the first two runners to reach, junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) followed with an RBI single up the middle. Following a double steal by Travis Robinson (Ilion) and Tacelli and a strikeout, Ensel greeted reliever Rob Johnson (North Chili/Churchville-Chili) with a two-run single to left. Will Groff (Queensbury) singled up the middle to drive in a run and, with two outs, Mead singled in a run. D’Auria then singled and Newman finished the scoring with an RBI single up the middle.

The Red Dragons tacked on a run in the fifth on a Tacelli double and a Nick Wilson (Auburn) RBI single and two runs in the sixth, the first coming on Newman's RBI single. Cortland batted around again in the seventh, despite the first two hitters of the inning recording outs. Two batters were hit by pitches and Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) hit an RBI single to left. After a Robinson single, Ryan Hooper (Red Hook) hit an RBI double to left and Wilson and Ensel each added RBI singles through the left side. Cortland’s final run came on a two-out solo homer in the eighth by junior Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint).

Russo was 2-for-2, Mead and Tacelli were each 2-for-3 with a double an RBI and D’Auria was 2-0-3. Wilson went 2-for-4 with two RBI and Ensel finished 2-for-5. Burnett struck out three and walked one in his six innings and is now 3-2. Sophomore Nick Serio (New Bedford/Fox Lane) pitched the seventh and struck out eight and allowed two runs, two earned, in 2-6 innings for the Lakers (6-5, 0-2)

Sean Kennedy (Islip) started for Oswego and allowed four hits and four runs, one earned, in three and one-third innings. Chris Raudnael (Poughkeepsie/Our Lady of Lourdes) was 1-for-2 and Anthony Coromato (Utica/Utica-Notre Dame) was 1-for-3.

In the second game, Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Mead singled up the middle with two outs and went to second on a wild pitch. D’Auria then hit a grounder to short and was safe when the shortstop's throw eluded the first baseman, allowing Mead to score. In the fifth, Groff singled through the left side with one out and Mead homered to left center to give the Red Dragons a 3-0 lead.

Oswego had a brief rally falter in the top of the first. Jim Miner (Liverpool) reached with one out on a bunt when Cortland’s first baseman dropped the throw. Tom Farrell (Oswego) followed with an infield single, but Dougher got the next batter to ground back to him for a 1-6-3 double play to end the inning. In the ninth, Dave Johnson (North Chili/Churchville-Chili) singled off Chyr with two outs and pinch-runner Chuck Galuski (Kirkville/East Syracuse-Minoa) advanced to second on a wild pitch. Coromato was hit by a pitch, bringing the potential tying run to the plate, but Chyr got Mike Medionte (Vestal) to line out.

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Oswego: Sean Kennedy (L, 1-1), Rob Johnson (4), Brandon Gooley (6), Ryan Stiles (8) and Dave Johnson
Cortland: Mike Burnett (W, 3-2), Nick Serio (7), Toby Youngs (8) and Shawn Ensel, Ray Chopay (8)

HR - Adam Sidebottom (C)
2B - Andy Mead (C), Zach Tacelli (C), Ryan Hooper (C)

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Oswego (6-5, 0-2 SUNYAC): Just in White (L, 1-1), Adam Harendza (8) and Dave Johnson
Cortland (14-3, 2-0 SUNYAC): Jim Dougher (W, 2-0), Matt Miller (8), Jason Chyr (9) (Save, 1) and Erik Johnson

HR - Andy Mead (C)