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SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Univ. of Rochester
Tuesday, April 12, 2005; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 12, Rochester 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland scored nine runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to break open a tight game as the Red Dragons, ranked eighth in Division III, defeated Rochester, 12-3. Cortland is now 19-4 and has won 12 of its last 13 games. Rochester, ranked fifth in the New York region, is 13-8-1.

Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went 4-for-4 with two RBI and senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) was 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Red Dragons. Sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion) drove in three runs, including a strange occurrence of recording an RBI while making an out on two different plate appearances in the eighth inning (sacrifice fly and groundout).

Senior Matt Miller (Harrison) earned the win, allowing five hits and one run in five innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Freshman Dan Price (Oak Park, IL/Oak Park-River Forest) was 3-for-5 with an RBI to lead Rochester. Senior Adam Braveman (Syracuse/Nottingham) and freshman Jim Bard (Grosse Isle, MI/Chesterton) were each 2-for-4. Senior Mark Jakubowski (Hamburg/Frontier) allowed five hits and two walks in six innings. He struck out six, walked two and gave up three runs.

Rochester took a 1-0 lead in the first. Senior Scott Smith (Honeoye Falls) and Braveman led off with back-to-back walks. Following a lineout double play, Price singled to center to score Smith. Cortland answered with three runs in the bottom of the first and has now outscored its opponents 49-6 in the first inning this season. Sophomore Will Groff (Queensbury) was hit by a pitch and junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) walked. Mead singled to center to score Groff and Robinson singled through the right side to bring home Tacelli. Senior Pat D’Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) then hit into a fielder’s choice that drove in Mead from third.

Jakubowski settled down and allowed only three more baserunners between the second and sixth innings. Cortland, however, sent 14 batters to the plate in the eighth against Rochester’s bullpen. A Groff single and stolen base, a Tacelli walk and a Mead bunt single loaded the bases with no outs. Robinson hit a sacrifice fly to center, D’Auria walked to re-load the bases and Newman hit a two-run single to center. After a walk, a passed ball scored a run and another walk loaded the bases again. Senior Nick Wilson (Auburn) followed with a two-run single to left center, Groff singled, then Tacelli and Mead were each hit by pitches to drive in runs. Robinson’s RBI groundout to short brought home the final run.

Rochester added two runs in the ninth. Junior Dan Pfohl (Buffalo/St. Joseph’s) reached on a bunt single, Bard singled through the right side and pinch-hitter Mike McCormack (Newburyport, MA) was safe on an error to load the bases. Smith was hit by a pitch to force in a run and Braveman hit into a double play, allowing a run to score.

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Rochester: Mark Jakubowski (L, 2-1), John Fishback (7), Brady Noon (8), Gabe Chodak (8) and Justin Martinez (Yellowjackets: 13-8-1)
Cortland: Matt Miller (W, 4-0), Ryan Hooper (6), Eric Wright (9) and Shawn Ensel, Jason Perry (9) (Red Dragons: 19-4, ranked 8th in Div. III)

(no extra-base hits)