SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. St. Joseph's (NY); SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Old Westbury
Saturday, March 19, 2005; Gregg Alfano Field (St. Joseph's); Patchogue, N.Y.

FINAL SCORES:  Cortland 9, St. Joseph’s (NY) 4
                    Cortland 17, Old Westbury 8

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Cortland scored seven runs in the sixth inning to erase a 1-0 deficit as the nationally 24th-ranked Red Dragons defeated host St. Joseph's College of Long Island, 9-4, in a Division III baseball matchup. Cortland followed that victory with a 17-8 win over SUNY Old Westbury at St. Joseph's Gregg Alfano Field. The Red Dragons improve to 10-3 with the victories.

In the opening game, Cortland was held scoreless on two hits over the first five innings by St. Joseph's starter Rob Motroni. Red Dragon sophomore Jim Dougher (Liverpool) turned in a solid starting effort but received a no decision. He allowed four hits and one unearned run in four and one-third innings. He struck out eight and walked four. Senior Matt Miller (Harrison) earned the win in relief, giving up one hit, one walk and one unearned run in two and one-third innings. He fanned five batters.

St. Joseph's (2-3) took the lead in the second on Joe Dellauniversita's two-out RBI single. Cortland's big sixth inning started with a leadoff triple by sophomore Will Groff (Queensbury). Junior pinch-hitter Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) greeted Golden Eagle reliever Frank D'Aversa with an RBI single to tie the game at 1-1. Following a walk and a flyout, the Red Dragons took a 4-1 lead on three consecutive RBI singles by senior Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack), senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) and junior Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic). Reliever Vincent Coppola then allowed a two-run triple to junior Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic), and a wild pitch allowed Basnight to score to complete the inning's scoring.

The hosts picked up a run in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI single by Steve Pileggi, but Cortland responded with a run in the seventh on a D'Auria sacrifice fly and another in the eighth on a two-out error. St. Joseph's added two runs in the ninth.

D'Auria finished 2-for-4 with two RBI, Newman was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Basnight ended 1-for-3 with two RBI. Edis Delgado was 3-for-5 and Pileggi went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Golden Eagles, who were an NCAA Division III qualifier last season.

In the second game, Cortland jumped out to an 11-0 lead after three and one-half innings and held off a brief Old Westbury charge. Freshman Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) went 4-for-6 with two RBI for the Red Dragons. He allowed two hits, no walks and one run and struck out four in three innings. Cortland scored four runs in the first – three on a bases-loaded double by D'Auria and the other on a Basnight RBI double. An RBI single by sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion), a D'Auria RBI groundout and Basnight's run-scoring single produced three runs in the second. A bases-loaded walk to junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) and a wild pitch plated Cortland's two third-inning runs, while a Groff RBI single and a Newman run-scoring fielder's choice extended the lead to 11-0 in the fourth.

Old Westbury scored four runs, three unearned, in the bottom of the fourth. Greg Jones and John Decrescenzo had RBI singles in the inning and another run scored on a Jamie Quinn groundout. The Panthers closed to 11-6 in the fifth on a Peter Petrides sacrifice fly and a Peter Reyes RBI single.

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Cortland put the game away with two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh. Groff tripled in a run and scored on an error in the sixth. In the seventh, freshman Johnny Giametta Jr. (Marlboro) led off with a triple and, after two walks, scored on a Basnight groundout. Senior Nick Wilson (Auburn) followed with a sacrifice fly and Russo singled in a run. Cortland's final run came on a Russo RBI single with two outs in the ninth.
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Cortland (9-3): Jim Dougher, Matt Miller (5) (W, 2-0), Ken Hartling (8), Toby Youngs (9) and Shawn Ensel
St. Joseph's (2-3): Rob Motroni, Frank D'aversa (6) (L), Vincent Coppola (6), John Migliorisi (8) and Pat Chilton

3B - Will Groff (C), Jimmy Basnight (C)
2B - Rich Rivera (SJ)

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Cortland (10-3): Jon Rockfeld (W, 2-0), Jason Chyr (4), Nick McPartland (5), Mike Burnett (7), Brandon Olbrys (9) and Ray Chopay, Erik Johnson (6)
Old Westbury (2-9): Argelis Rosario (L), George Pagan (3), Zach Flinn (7), Emilio Tapia (8) and Ricardo Pena

3B - Will Groff (C), Johnny Giametta Jr. (C)
2B - Steve Newman (C), Pat D'Auria (C), Jimmy Basnight (C), Nick Wilson (C)