SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. St. John Fisher
Thursday, April 28, 2005; Dugan Yard; Pittsford, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 12, St. John Fisher 2

PITTSFORD, N.Y. – Seniors Pat D’Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) and Nick Wilson (Auburn) each had two hits and two RBI and junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) hit his eighth home run of the season, a three-run shot as part of a seven-run fifth inning, as nationally sixth-ranked Cortland defeated St. John Fisher, 12-2. The Red Dragons improve to 29-5-1, while the Cardinals drop to 17-13.

D’Auria finished 2-for-3 with two doubles. Wilson was 2-for-5, including a two-run triple in the fifth, and freshman Erik Johnson (Mount Kisco/Fox Lane) went 2-for-3. Graduate student Toby Youngs (Windsor) pitched five innings for the victory. He allowed four hits and one walk, struck out five and gave up one unearned run.

Jeff Fetzner and Chad King were each 2-for-4 with a double for the hosts. Matt Chollet allowed seven hits and three walks in four and two-third innings. He struck out three, and only four of the 10 runs he allowed were earned as four of St. John Fisher's five errors occurred over the first five innings.

Cortland scored a run in the second on D’Auria’s RBI double and added two in the third, one on an error and the other on a passed ball. Fisher responded with an unearned run in the bottom of the third as a ball was misplayed in the outfield after a single, allowing the run to score.

In the fifth, Wilson led off with a single and junior Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) walked. Fisher tried to retire Wilson at third on a bunt, but the throw was bad and Wilson scored. Mead followed with a three-run homer to left center to give the Red Dragons a 7-1 lead. Travis Robinson (Ilion) then singled and scored on D’Auria’s double to left center. Johnson walked two batters later and Wilson tripled to left center to drive in two.

The Cardinals scored in the sixth off reliever Ryan Hooper (Red Hook). Fetzner singled with two outs, stole second and scored on Nick Bergman's RBI single down the right field line. Cortland added a run in the seventh when Johnson was hit by a pitch, went to second on a passed ball, stole third and scored on Zach Tacelli's (Latham/Shaker) RBI fielder's choice. In the eighth, Hooper was put in to hit and doubled down the left field line with two outs. A wild pitch moved him to third and he scored on Ricky Piovesan’s (East Norwich/St. Dominic) single through the left side.

NOTEBOOK: Pat D’Auria’s two doubles gives him a a team-high 12 this season and 50 for his Red Dragon career. Earlier this season, D’Auria became the school's career leader in doubles — the previous record was 46 by current assistant coach Craig Kerner from 1998-2000...D’Auria is also Cortland's career leader in games played with 178. The prior mark was 166 by Scott Weston from 1997-2000...Steve Newman was 0-for-4 in the game, marking only the second time he has been held hitless in his last 32 games.

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Cortland: Toby Youngs (W, 1-0), Ryan Hooper (6), Nick Serio (8), Brandon Olbrys (8), Nick Wilson (9) and Erik Johnson, Ray Chopay (8) (Red Dragons: 29-5-1, ranked 6th in Div. III)
St. John Fisher: Matt Chollet (L, 3-4), Jim Junglen (5), Ryan Hanson (9) and Tim Schmitt, Tim Spencer (7) (Cardinals: 17-13)

2B - Pat D’Auria (C) 2, Ryan Hooper (C), Jeff Fetzner (SJF), Chad King (SJF)
3B - Nick Wilson (C)
HR - Andy Mead (C)