2005 SUNYAC Baseball Tournament

Sunday's Scores (Championship Round):
Cortland 3, Oneonta 2

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: Cortland 14, Oneonta 3
(Cortland wins SUNYAC title and receives automatic bid to NCAA Division III playoffs)

Saturday's Scores:
Oneonta 14, Brockport 4
Cortland 15, Brockport 7 – Brockport eliminated

Friday's Scores:
Oneonta 3, Plattsburgh 2
Brockport 9, Cortland 6
Cortland 7, Plattsburgh 1 – Plattsburgh eliminated

Cortland, ranked sixth nationally in Division III, defeated 15th-ranked Oneonta twice on the final day of the tournament to win the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) championship. The Red Dragons won the first game, 3-2, and the final game, 14-3, to complete a four-game run after losing their tournament opener on Friday.

Cortland won its 24th league title and its 13th in the last 15 years. The Red Dragons (35-6-1) receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament and will be making their 13th straight NCAA showing. The final win was also the 200th for Cortland sixth-year head coach Joe Brown, who now has an overall record of 200-64-1. Oneonta, which was vying for its first SUNYAC title since 1978, is now 32-9-1 and will hope for either a potential NCAA at-large bid or an ECAC Upstate New York tournament berth.

Cortland sophomore catcher Shawn Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) was the hero in the title game. He finished 3-for-3 with two homers, a double and six RBI. His three-run homer in the second gave the Red Dragons a 3-0 lead. His RBI double and junior Zach Tacelli's (Latham/Shaker) three-run homer highlighted a five-run fourth inning. Ensel added a two-run homer in a four-run fifth frame. Senior Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI and junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-3.

Sophomore Jon Rockfeld (Islip Terrace/East Islip) earned the win in the title game. He allowed two runs and four hits in six and one-third innings. Senior Brent Tortarella (Staatsburg/Roosevelt) hit a two-run single for Oneonta in the fifth.

In the first game, sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion) hit a two-run single to left center with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth to provide the winning runs. Oneonta took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on RBI singles by sophomore Chris Salamida (Watervliet) and senior Rob Elmendorf (Hyde Park/Roosevelt). Cortland got a run back in the fourth when Piovesan led off with a double and scored on a two-out single by junior Nick McPartland (Beacon). He allowed a single in each inning.

Robinson finished 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, Piovesan was 2-for-3 with a double and Tacellis went 2-for-4. Junior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) earned the win, scattering seven hits and striking out eight over seven and one-third innings to improve to 4-0. He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fourth when he struck out Salamida. Oneonta's leading hitter, looking to end the inning. Junior Nick McPartland (Beacon) entered the game with one out in the eighth and earned his second save of the season. He allowed a single in each inning.

Elmendorf was 3-for-4 with an RBI, junior Chris Brew (Vestal) went 3-for-5 and Salamida ended the game 2-for-4 with an RBI for Oneonta. Sophomore Erik Weber (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) started for Oneonta and allowed eight hits and three runs in five and one-third innings. He suffered his first loss in seven decisions this season. Sophomore reliever Don Lawrence (Norwich) struck out four and allowed only one hit over the final two and two-third innings, but it was Robinson's two-run single in the sixth.

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Championship Round – Sunday, May 8 – Cortland, N.Y.

Game 6: Cortland 3, Oneonta 2

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Oneonta: Erik Weber (L, 6-1), Don Lawrence (6) and Brent Tortarella
Cortland: Jason Chyr (W, 4-0), Nick McPartland (8) (Save, 1) and Shawn Ensel

2B - Travis Robinson (C), Ricky Piovesan (C)

Game 7 (Championship Game): Cortland 14, Oneonta 3

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Oneonta: Tom Locke (L, 4-2), Sam Ackerman (4), Chris Bellinger (4), Ryan Marsh (5), Patrick Connors (6), Greg Funck (8) and Brent Tortarella, Josh Bennett (Red Dragons: 32-9-1, ranked 15th in Div. III)
Cortland: Jon Rockfeld (W, 4-1), Ryan Hooper (7), Toby Youngs (9) and Shawn Ensel, Erik Johnson (Red Dragons: 35-6-1, ranked 6th in Div. III)

2B - Rob Elmendorf (ON), Andy Mead (C), Pat D'Auria (C), Ricky Piovesan (C), Shawn Ensel (C)
HR - Shawn Ensel (C) 2, Zach Tacelli (C)