FINAL SCORE: Stevens Tech 12, Cortland 9

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. – Stevens Tech scored at least once in each of the first five innings to take a 11-3 lead and the Ducks (6-2) went on to defeat nationally second-ranked Cortland, 12-9, in a non-league game at the Charlotte Sports Park.

Adam Sandt went 4-for-4 with a triple, double and three RBI to lead an 18-hit Stevens attack. Ryan Birkenstock was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI, Eric McCormick finished 3-for-4 and John Frustaci drove in two runs. Gerard Moreno allowed four hits in seven innings for the win. He gave up four runs, three earned, struck out five and walked two.

Senior Jim Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic), sophomore John Giametta Jr. (Marlboro) and junior Dan Maycock (Utica/T.R. Proctor) each drove in two runs for Cortland (5-2). Sophomore Chris Bilyk (Ithaca) suffered the loss, allowing eight hits and five runs in two and one-third innings. He struck out five batters and walked none.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on senior Zach Tacelli’s (Latham/Shaker) two-out RBI single. Sandt’s RBI triple tied the game in the bottom of the first, but the Red Dragons answered with Basnight’s two-run double down the left field line in the second to go ahead 3-1.

Back-to-back RBI singles by Michael DeCoro and David Katusa tied the game in the bottom of the first, but the Red Dragons answered with Basnight's two-run double down the left field line in the second to go ahead 3-1.

Trailing 12-3, Cortland got a run back in the eighth and then made things interesting with five runs in the ninth, including a two-run homer by Giametta.

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Cortland: Chris Bilyk (L, 0-1), Nick Baker (3), Brandon Olbrys (4), Jason Hauck (8) and Mike Zaccardo, Erik Johnson (Red Dragons: 5-2, ranked 2nd in Div. III)

Stevens: Gerard Moreno, Chris Burgess (8), Adam Sandt (9) and David Katusa (Ducks: 6-2)

HR – John Giametta Jr. (C)
3B – Adam Sandt (S)
2B – Jim Basnight (C), Adam Sandt (S), Ryan Birkenstock (S) 2