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SUNY Cortland Baseball

vs. St. John Fisher College
Tuesday, May 2, 2006; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 13, St. John Fisher 8

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Juniors Dan Maycock (Utica/T.R. Proctor) and Will Groff (Queensbury) each homered and doubled and six Red Dragons finished with multiple hits as nationally third-ranked Cortland outslugged St. John Fisher, 13-8, in a non-league matchup. Cortland is now 32-6 on the season, while the Cardinals slip to 23-12. The teams combined for 33 hits – 17 by St. John Fisher and 16 by Cortland. Fisher, however, left 13 runners on base to eight for the Red Dragons.

Maycock finished 2-for-4, including a three-run homer in the third over the 401-foot sign in straightaway center to erase a 2-0 deficit and fuel a seven-run inning. The other runs in the frame came on senior Adam Sidebottom’s (Buffalo/Starpoint) two-run single and RBI singles by sophomore Matt Vitalone (Rome/Rome Free Academy) and junior Mike Rosenberry (Clarence). Sidebottom finished 2-for-5 with three RBI and Vitalone was 3-for-4 with a double and one RBI.

Groff went 3-for-5, including a two-run blast to left in the seventh, and has reached base safely by hit or walk in 35 consecutive games. Senior Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) was 3-for-3 and drove in two runs with a pair of sacrifice flies and senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-5 with an RBI.

Each of the first six hitters in the lineup for Fisher recorded at least two hits. Sophomore Chad King (Plainville/C.W. Baker) was 3-for-4, junior Bryan Matt (Rochester/McQuaid Jesuit) went 3-for-5 and senior Andy Campbell (Manlius/Fayetteville-Manlius) finished 3-for-6 with two RBI. Junior Chris Botsford (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-4 with three RBI, senior Matt Fuller (Rochester/McQuaid Jesuit) ended 2-for-5 with a double and three RBI and senior Bryan Phillips (Liverpool/Fayetteville-Manlius) was 2-for-5.

The Cardinals took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a Botsford sacrifice fly and Fuller’s RBI double down the left field line. Cortland scored seven in the third and extended its lead to 9-2 in the fourth on Piovesan’s sacrifice fly and Sidebottom’s RBI single up the middle. Fisher, however, clawed back with a two-run single by Fuller in the fifth and a two-run single by Campbell in the sixth to pull within 9-6. The Cardinals had the bases loaded and two runs in with one out in the fifth after registering five straight singles, but Red Dragon junior Jon Rockfeld (Islip Terrace/East Islip) entered the game and induced an inning-ending double play.

Piovesan’s second sacrifice fly pushed Cortland’s lead to 10-6 in the sixth. Groff’s two-run homer and Mead’s RBI single completed the Red Dragons’ scoring in the seventh. Fisher’s final two runs came in the eighth on a Botsford two-run single up the middle.

Cortland sophomore Ryan Hooper (Red Hook) pitched four and one-third innings, allowing seven hits and four runs, two earned. Since he left with a lead that Cortland didn’t relinquish but did not pitch five innings, the victory was awarded to sophomore Nick Baker (Millerton/Webutuck), who was deemed Cortland’s most effective reliever. Baker, who earned his first victory as a Red Dragon, allowed two hits, no walks and one run in an inning and a third.

Greg McKeown (Avon) suffered the loss to Fisher and is 3-2 on the season. he allowed eight hits and two walks in two and two-third innings, but only three of the seven runs he permitted were earned.

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St. John Fisher: Greg McKeown (L, 3-2), Eric Wernert (3), Justin Lutes (7) and Tim Spencer, Ricky Palmeiro (7) (Cardinals: 23-12)
Cortland: Ryan Hooper, Jon Rockfeld (5), Nick Baker (6) (W, 1-0), T.J. O’Leary (8), Justin Mattes (9) and Mike Zaccardo, Shawn Ensel (5) (Red Dragons: 32-6, ranked 3rd in Div. III)

HR – Will Groff (C), Dan Maycock (C)
2B – Matt Fuller (SJF), Will Groff (C), Dan Maycock (C), Matt Vialone (C)