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**SUNY Cortland Baseball**

**Doubleheader vs. SUNY Institute of Technology**  
Saturday, April 8, 2006; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

**GAME 1: Cortland 18, SUNYIT 1**  
**GAME 2: Cortland 7, SUNYIT 2**

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Sophomore **Mike Zaccardo** (Irondequoit) went 3-for-5 with a double and four RBI and sophomore **Chris Bilyk** (Ithaca) scattered eight hits and allowed one run over six innings as nationally fourth-ranked Cortland defeated SUNYIT, 18-1, in the opening game of a SUNYAC doubleheader.

The Red Dragons (18-5, 5-1) completed the sweep with a 7-2 win in the nightcap as junior **Mike Zgorzelski** (Troy/Shaker) allowed four hits and one earned run in six innings and senior **Zach Tacelli** (Latham/Shaker) drove in three runs, including a two-run homer. Cortland junior **Will Groff** (Queensbury) recorded one hit in the opener and went 3-for-4 in the second game to extend his hitting streak to 19 straight games.

Cortland won by a large margin in the first game despite holding only a 15-12 advantage in hits over the Wildcats. SUNYIT left 15 runners on base, while the Red Dragons stranded 12 runners of their own. Cortland scored five runs in the first on a two-run double by senior **Ricky Piovesan** (East Norwich/St. Dominic), RBI singles by sophomore **Joey Russo** (Inwood/Lawrence) and senior **Jim Basnight** (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and an RBI double by Zaccardo. Junior **Dan Maycock**’s (Utica/T.R. Proctor) RBI single and Basnight’s two-run single highlighted a four-run second inning.

SUNYIT scored its lone run in the third on a **Matt Zyskowski** (Utica/MVCC) RBI single. Cortland came back with a run in the bottom of the inning on junior **Travis Robinson**’s (Ilion) sacrifice fly and scored twice in the fourth on Zaccardo’s two-run single. Groff’s infield single plated a run in the sixth. The Red Dragons added three in both the seventh and eighth innings on a bases-loaded walk, Zaccardo’s RBI single up the middle and a sacrifice fly by junior **Mike Rosenberry** (Clarence). Sophomore **Sean Caughey**’s (Cortland) RBI single and junior **Shawn Ensel** (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) being hit by a pitch with the bases loaded accounted for the final runs in the eighth.

Groff struck out two and walked one to increase his record to 3-1. Maycock finished 2-for-2 and Robinson was 2-for-4. **Zynon Putney** (Bergen/Genesee CC) started for SUNYIT and allowed seven hits and nine runs, six earned, one and one-third innings.

**GAME 2**

In the seven-inning second game, Cortland led 3-2 before scoring once in the fourth, twice in the fifth and once in the sixth. SUNYIT left 11 runners on base in the contest, including runners on first and third in both the fourth and fifth innings. Groff opened the bottom of the first with an infield single and Tacelli followed with a two-run homer that barely cleared the fence in left. In the second, Basnight led off with a bunt single and went to second on a throwing error. He advanced to third on a groundout and scored on sophomore **Matt Vitalone**’s (Rome/Rome Free Academy) single to center.

SUNYIT got a run back in the third when **Robert Alvarez** (New Windsor/Newburgh Free Academy) led off with a single to right center, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Vick’s RBI single to right center. The Wildcats struck again in the fourth. **Vinny Brescia** (Utica) reached on a one-out throwing error, **Luis Gonzalez** (Brooklyn/FMCC) was hit by a pitch and **Justin Marsden** (Whitesboro) walked to load the bases. Alvarez’s fielder’s choice drove in a run when he beat a potential double play throw to first.

In the bottom of the fourth, Rosenberry led off with a double and Groff reached on an infield single to short, with Rosenberry holding at second. After a double steal, Tacelli flew out to right and Rosenberry tagged from third to give Cortland a 4-2 lead. In the fifth, sophomore **John Giannetta** Jr. (Marlboro) led off with his second double of the game. Pinch-runner **Adam Sidebottom** (Buffalo/Starpoint) moved to third on a **Andrew Mead** (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) bunt single. A throwing error on the play allowed Sidebottom to score and Mead to advance to third. Vitalone drove in Mead three batters later with a sacrifice fly to center.

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Rosenberry finished the scoring with a solo homer in the sixth. He and Giametta each finished 2-for-3. Zgorzelski fanned five batters and walked three for his second win in three decisions. Travis Steffens (Port Jervis/Orange CC) pitched a complete game for SUNYIT, allowing 12 hits and seven runs, five earned. Vick finished 2-for-4 with an RBI and Greg Sacco (Utica/MVCC) was 2-for-3.

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SUNYIT: Zynon Putney (L, 1-2), Robert Wise (2), Ian Hobbs (4), Brian Russell (7) and Don Dawes, Luis Gonzalez (7)  
Cortland: Chris Bilyk (W, 3-1), Nick McPartland (7), Nick Baker (8), John Szczepaninak (9) and Mike Zaccardo, Shawn Ensel (8)

2B – Ricky Piovesan (C), Brian Edmunds (C), Mike Zaccardo (C)

**GAME 2: Cortland 7, SUNYIT 2**

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SUNYIT: Travis Steffens (L, 2-2) and Luis Gonzalez (Wildcats: 7-11, 0-6 SUNYAC)  
Cortland: Mike Zgorzelski (W, 2-1), Justin Mattes (7) and Shawn Ensel (Red Dragons: 18-5, 5-1 SUNYAC; ranked 4th in Div. III)

HR – Zach Tacelli (C), Mike Rosenberry (C)  
2B – John Giametta Jr. (C) 2, Mike Rosenberry (C)