SELINGSGROVE, PA. – Junior Mike Rosenberry’s (Clarence) two-out, two-run single broke a 1-1 tie in the top of the sixth inning as nationally third-ranked Cortland defeated Susquehanna, 3-1, in the opening game of a non-league doubleheader. The Red Dragons also won the nightcap, 8-3, as senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI and sophomore Mike Zaccardo (Irondequoit) hit a two-run homer.

Cortland improved its record to 31-6 and reached the 30-win mark for the 12th time in the last 13 seasons. Mead recorded three hits in the twinbill and moved into second place on Cortland’s career hit chart with 218, six shy of leader Scott Weston.

Freshman George Jweid (New Hartford) won the opener, striking out nine in five and one-third innings. He gave up six hits, one walk and one unearned run and is now 6-0 on the season. Junior Justin Mattes (Queensbury) struck out four of the six batters he faced for his third save of the season.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the third. Junior Will Groff (Queensbury) reached second with one out on a dropped fly ball and scored on Mead’s two-out RBI single through the left side. The Crusaders (12-20-1) tied the game in the bottom of the fourth. Jason Gaccione, who finished 2-for-2 with a walk, singled to lead off the inning. Brian Ahearn singled with one out to put runners on first and second. Kyle Wertman then hit into a fielder’s choice, with Ahearn out at second, but a throwing error on the double play attempt allowed Gaccione to score.

Cortland’s winning rally started with a two-out walk to senior Adam Sidebottom (Buffalo/Starpoint). Junior Shawn Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) doubled down the left field line to advance Sidebottom to third and Rosenberry singled to right to score both runners.

In the second game, Cortland scored twice in the first on a two-run single by Mead, once in the second on a sacrifice fly by senior Jim Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and twice in the third on Zaccardo’s two-run homer to right center to take a 5-0 lead. The hosts responded with three runs in the bottom of the third inning to knock out Red Dragon starter Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S). The Crusaders recorded five singles in the inning, including RBI hits by Gaccione, Wertman and Chris Mothershed. Sophomore T.J. O’Leary (Queens/Archbishop Molloy) entered the game with the bases loaded and one out and recorded a pair of flyouts to center to escape further damage.

O’Leary allowed a leadoff double in the fourth. Junior Jon Rockfeld (Islip Terrace/East Islip) entered at that point and allowed a sacrifice bunt and a walk, but induced a double play grounder to end the threat.

Senior Nick McPartland (Beacon) came in one batter into the fifth inning and eventually was named the winning pitcher after being judged as Cortland’s most effective reliever. He did not give up a hit, walked two and struck out four in two and one-third scoreless innings. Cortland picked up two insurance runs in the sixth on a Travis Robinson (Ilion) RBI single and a Mead run-scoring triple, and scored once more in the seventh on a Rosenberry RBI double.

Cortland will host St. John Fisher in a single game Tuesday at 4 p.m., and will then host the four-team, double-elimination SUNYAC tournament May 5-7. The Red Dragons are the top seed and will face fourth-seeded Brockport Friday at 1 p.m. The tournament opens at 10 a.m. with second-seeded Oneonta facing third-seeded Plattsburgh.

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CORTLAND BASEBALL
Doubleheader at Susquehanna; April 30, 2006

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Cortland: George Jweid (W, 6-0), Justin Mattes (6) (Save, 3) and Shawn Ensel
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Cortland: Jason Chyr, T.J. O'Leary (3), Jon Rockfeld (4), Nick McPartland (5) (W, 1-1), Jason Hauck (7) and Mike Zaccardo, Shawn Ensel (7) (Red Dragons: 31-6, ranked 3rd in Div. III)
Susquehanna: Brian Ahearn (L, 0-3), Bud Schmidt (6) and Adam Dick (Crusaders: 12-21-1)

HR – Mike Zaccardo (C)
3B – Andrew Mead (C)
2B – Joey Russo (C), Matt Vitalone (C), Mike Rosenberry (C), Jon Pack (S)