SUNY Cortland Softball

Doubleheader vs. SUNY New Paltz; Tony Williams Park; Highland, N.Y.
Wednesday, April 16, 2003

GAME 1: Cortland 18, New Paltz 0 (5 innings)
GAME 2: Cortland 9, New Paltz 0 (5 innings)

HIGHLAND, N.Y. – Junior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) tossed a perfect game, retiring all 15 batters who she faced, in nationally fourth-ranked Cortland’s 9-0 win over New Paltz in the second game of a SUNYAC doubleheader. The game was called after the top of the fifth inning due to the eight-run rule.

In the opener, freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) threw a one-hitter with nine strikeouts and one walk in the Red Dragons’ 18-0 victory. That game was also called after five innings. Adamshick, who improved to 8-2, allowed only a two-out single to Liz McPartlan in the bottom of the fourth. Cortland is now 22-4 and 8-2 in SUNYAC play.

Almansberger, now 6-0, struck out six batters, including the final two she faced to complete the perfect game. Seven of her other nine outs were groundouts and the other two were a lineout back to her in the first inning and a pop-up to third base in the third inning.

Senior Julie Gentner (Williamsville/Williamsville South) hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the first and singled in runs in both the second and third innings. She finished 3-for-4 with four RBI and has 199 career hits at Cortland. The school record is 205 by June Maloney from 1995-98. Junior Lara Stone (Windsor) hit a three-run homer to right-center in the third and ended the game 3-for-3 with three RBI. Almansberger also helped her own cause with an RBI on a bases-loaded walk in the second and an RBI single in the third. Junior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) added two hits, including a double, to Cortland’s 11-hit attack.

In the first game, Cortland made quick work of the Hawks with six runs in each of the first two innings. Piacente and Almansberger drew back-to-back bases-loaded walks to give the Red Dragons a 2-0 lead and sophomore Erin Bock (East Hampton) followed with a three-run triple to left. Freshman Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) also singled in a run in the inning.

The first eight Cortland batters reached safely in the second inning. Another Piacente walk with the bases full brought in a run and knocked out starting pitcher Jen Born. Almansberger then singled in a run and the Hawks were unable to record an out on a Bock fielder’s choice. Jill Seymour (Conklin/Susquehanna Valley) and Loiacono each drove in runs with walks to make the lead 11-0. After a strikeout, freshman Jennifer Rockwell (Scotia) singled to center to plate the final run.

Cortland scored once in the fourth on a Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) RBI single and added five runs in the fifth. Four of those runs were unearned courtesy of two New Paltz errors. Rockwell and Amber Ortolano (Tonawanda/Kenmore West) each singled in runs during the inning.

Rockwell finished 2-for-2 with three walks, two RBI and three runs scored and Piacente drew three walks and drove in two runs. Bock was 1-for-5 with four RBI and Almansberger was 1-for-2 with two RBI.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W 8-2) and Jill Seymour
New Paltz: Jen Born (L 0-5), Liz McPartlan (2) and Danielle Zakrzewski

HR - none
3B - Erin Bock (C)
2B - none

GAME 2: Cortland 9, New Paltz 0

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Cortland (22-4, 8-2 SUNYAC): Lara Almansberger (W 6-0) and Keri Banta
New Paltz (0-16, 0-9 SUNYAC): Kristin Ackerman (L 0-5) and Colleen Powers

HR - Julie Gentner (C), Lara Stone (C)
3B - none
2B - Carin Piacente (C)