2003 SUNY Cortland Softball
at NCAA Division III Softball World Series

vs. Western New England College
James I. Moyer Sports Complex; Salem, Va.
Saturday, May 17, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 2, Western New England 0

SALEM, VA. – Senior Julie Gentner (Williamsville/Williamsville South) hit a two-run, inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the third inning as Cortland defeated Western New England College, 2-0, at the NCAA Division III World Series. The win is the first Series win for the Red Dragons in three appearances. Cortland was 0-2 at both the 1985 and 1998 championships and lost its first game at this year’s Series. Cortland (42-7-1) will play the loser of Saturday’s Emory/Illinois Wesleyan game on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Senior Jonna Ball (Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson) drew a walk with one out in the third. With two outs, Gentner, celebrating her 22nd birthday, hit a blast to straightaway center. Western New England center fielder Tricia Troiano raced back but couldn’t make the catch, knocking down a portion of the portable outfield fence in the process. By the time the Golden Bears recovered the ball, Gentner raced around the bases and easily beat the throw home for her 10th home run of the season.

Cortland freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) pitched a two-hit shutout for her 18th win of the season. She struck out three and walked three and did not allow a hit until the fifth inning. Jen Piorkowski broke up Adamshick’s no-hit bid with an infield single to lead off the fifth inning but was stranded on second. In the sixth, Ashley Koch led off with a single to center and moved to second on a ground out but got no further.

Cortland won despite being held to just three hits by Western New England starter Marcie Bruder. Ball led off the bottom of the first with a single and senior Megan Cross (Middletown/Minisink Valley) hit a blooper single to center with one out in the fifth. Cross stole second with two outs and went to third on a throwing error on the play, but got no further.

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Western New England (32-7): Marcie Bruder (L, 20-5) and Michelle Boss
Cortland (42-7-1): Stephanie Adamshick (W, 18-4) and Jill Seymour

2B - none
3B - none
HR - Julie Gentner (C)