SUNY Cortland Softball

Doubleheader vs. Muhlenberg College
Saturday, March 25, 2006; Cedar Creek Field; Allentown, Pa.

GAME 1: Muhlenberg 2, Cortland 1 (8 inn.)
GAME 2: Cortland 14, Muhlenberg 0

ALLENTOWN, PA. – Jennifer Rosenthal’s two-out RBI single tied the game in the bottom of the seventh and Tina Roth’s sacrifice fly scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth as Muhlenberg College defeated nationally 14th-ranked Cortland, 2-1, in the opening game of a doubleheader. Cortland responded to win the nightcap, 14-0, as junior Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) allowed one hit and struck out eight over six innings and sophomore Shara Evanter (Commack) went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. The Red Dragons are now 10-2, while the Mules are 7-7.

In the opener, Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the fifth when junior Jamie Neuner (Brewster) doubled to left center, went to third on a one-out groundout and scored on Evanter’s RBI single up the middle. Cortland senior Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) took a no-hitter into the sixth inning before allowing a one-out single to Hilary Marinchak. She was one out away from the victory when Lindsay Ruhling doubled to right field and Rosenthal singled to left to tie the game.

Cortland got a leadoff single from Evanter in the top of the eighth but stranded her at second. In the bottom of the inning, Michelle Consiglio led off with a single, prompting D’Amboise to be brought in to pitch. Marinchak followed with a sacrifice bunt and was safe on D’Amboise’s throwing error. A Katie Olson sacrifice bunt moved the runners to second and third and Roth’s flyout to center plated the game winner.

Adamshick took the loss, her first in five decisions this spring, despite allowing only four hits, one walk and two runs, one earned, in seven-plus innings. Evanter finished 3-for-4 to account for half of Cortland’s six hits. Nicole Washburn earned the win for Muhlenberg, scattering six hits and not walking any batters in eight innings.

The second game was scoreless through three innings, but Cortland exploded for three runs in the fourth, two runs in both the fifth and sixth and seven runs in the seventh. The Red Dragons finished with 17 hits, including three each by Evanter and sophomore Amanda Barnett (Syracuse/Jameville-DeWitt) and two each by Neuner, sophomore Tina Milani (Hopewell Junction/John Jay East Fishkill), senior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) and junior Stefanie Cola (Binghamton/Chenango Valley). Neuner, Milani and Kelsey Curran (Alfred Station/Alfred-Almond) each finished with two RBI.

The only hit D’Amboise allowed was a leadoff single to RiRi Ferrigno in the second. Ferrigno moved to third on a pair of wild pitches but was stranded. Sophomore Erin Brain (Westtown/Minisink Valley) pitched the seventh, allowing one hit and striking out one.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (L, 4-1), Ang D’Amboise (8) and Blythe Beecher
Muhlenberg: Nicole Washburn (W, 5-1) and RiRi Ferrigno

2B – Jamie Neuner (C), Jen Rockwell (C), Lindsay Ruhling (M)

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Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (W, 3-1), Erin Brain (7) and Amanda Barnett (Red Dragons: 10-2, ranked 14th in Div. III)
Muhlenberg: Lara Kestenbaum (L, 0-3), Katie Vecchione (5) and RiRi Ferrigno (Mules: 7-7)

2B – Jamie Neuner (C), Jen Rockwell (C), Shara Evanter (C), Kate Yaun (C), RiRi Ferrigno (M)