SUNY Cortland Softball

Day 1 of SUNYAC Tournament
Thursday, May 4, 2006; SUNY Plattsburgh Softball Complex; Plattsburgh, N.Y.

FINAL SCORES:
Geneseo 7, Cortland 0
Cortland 9, Oneonta 0 (5 inn.)

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. – Cortland, seeded second in the six-team State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Tournament, opened play with a 7-0 loss to fifth-seeded Geneseo. The Red Dragons staved off elimination, however, with a 9-0 victory over Oneonta in a game called after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

Cortland (32-10) will play on Friday at 1 p.m. versus an opponent to be determined. If top-seeded Plattsburgh defeats Brockport in Friday’s first game, Cortland will play the loser of the Geneseo-Buffalo State game. Cortland will face Brockport if the Golden Eagles upset Plattsburgh. Cortland needs to win once Friday, twice Saturday and once Sunday to claim the conference title.

Junior Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) earned the win versus Oneonta to improve to 16-4 on the season. She allowed four hits and no walks and struck out five in five innings.

Cortland scored four times in the first on junior Blythe Beecher’s (Corning/Corning East) two-run double and RBI singles by junior Stefanie Cola (Binghamton/Chenango Valley) and junior Megan Dore’s (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt). Senior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) and sophomore Shara Evanter (Commack) hit back-to-back solo homers with one out in the second to extend the lead to 6-0. Junior Jamie Neuner (Brewster) and sophomore Tina Milani (Hopewell Junction/John Jai East Fishkill) each singled in runs and Rockwell reached on an error to score a run in the third.

Dore finished 2-for-2 with an RBI, Neuner was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI and Beecher went 1-for-2 with two RBI. Rockwell and Evanter were each 1-for-2 with a homer and a walk.

The best threat for Oneonta (19-21) came in the third when the Red Dragons had runners on first and third with two outs. D’Amboise struck out the cleanup hitter to end the inning.

In the first game, Geneseo’s Audrey Kuhn tossed a complete-game five-hit shutout for the win. The Knights grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second when Kerry Kuhn, Audrey’s younger sister, hit a solo homer off Cortland senior starter Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro). In the third inning, Adamshick struck out the first two batters but walked the next two. Audrey Kuhn then hit a fly ball that could have ended the inning, but was dropped to allow two runs to score.

Following a walk, Laura Skalaski hit a three-run homer to center. All five of Geneseo’s runs in the inning were unearned. Skalaski added an RBI triple in the fifth off reliever Erin Brain (Westtown/Minisink Valley) and finished 2-for-4 with four RBI.

Cola finished 1-for-2 with a walk and a steal, Dore was 1-for-2 and was hit by a pitch and Neuner was 1-for-3 with a steal for the Red Dragons. In the fifth inning, junior Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) and Dore hit one-out back-to-back singles and a groundout moved them to second and third, but Neuner grounded out to end the inning. Cortland also stranded runners on second base in each of the first two innings and runners on second and third in the seventh.

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Geneseo: Audrey Kuhn (W, 11-8) and Christina Marinucci (Knights: 22-15)
Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (L, 13-5), Ang D’Amboise (3), Erin Brain (5) and Blythe Beecher (Red Dragons: 31-10)

HR – Kerry Kuhn (G), Laura Skalaski (G)
3B – Laura Skalaski (G)
2B – Kristen Newton (G)

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Oneonta: Nicole Marshall (L, 6-7), Kim Prior (2), Kathleen Wood (4) and Michelle Norwich (Red Dragons: 19-21)
Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (W, 16-4) and Blythe Beecher, Amanda Barnett (4) (Red Dragons: 32-10)

HR – Jen Rockwell (C), Shara Evanter (C)
2B – Jamie Llewellyn (ON), Jamie Neuner (C), Blythe Beecher (C)