SUNY Cortland Softball

Day 3 of SUNYAC Tournament
Saturday, May 6, 2006; SUNY Plattsburgh Softball Complex; Plattsburgh, N.Y.

FINAL SCORES:
Cortland 5, Buffalo St. 2
Plattsburgh 4, Cortland 3 (10 inn.) (Championship Round) (Plattsburgh wins SUNYAC title)

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. – Keri Brean’s hit a solo homer, her second of the game, to lead off the bottom of the 10th inning as Plattsburgh claimed its first-ever SUNYAC title with a 4-3 win over Cortland. Plattsburgh (37-7) finished the tournament with a 4-0 record and earned the league’s NCAA Division III tournament automatic bid. Cortland (34-11) finished second in the tournament with a 3-2 mark.

Cortland earned its spot in the championship round with a 5-2 win versus Buffalo State earlier Saturday. The championship round was delayed approximately four hours due to rain and didn’t start until 5 p.m. If Cortland had defeated the Cardinals, the two teams would have played for the title on Sunday.

In the Red Dragons’ first game of the day, junior Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) threw a complete-game three-hitter with six strikeouts and no walks. She took a one-hit shutout into the top of the seventh before allowing two hits, including a Nicole Sabuda two-run homer.

Cortland used solo homers by junior Jamie Neuner (Brewster), senior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) and junior Blythe Beecher (Corning/Corning East) and a two-run triple by junior Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) to take a 5-0 lead. Neuner and Rockwell hit their round-trippers in the bottom of the third. Talbot’s triple came in the fourth and Beecher hit a homer to lead off the sixth. Neuner, Beecher and Talbot each finished with two hits.

In the championship round, Cortland grabbed a 3-0 lead after three innings. Beecher led off with an infield single and pinch-runner Kim Whitman (Victor) eventually scored from third on a two-out double by junior Megan Dore (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt). In the third, Neuner led off with an infield single and Rockwell hit a two-run homer to left center two batters later.

Plattsburgh used the long ball to account for all of its scoring. Jamie Prudhomme hit a two-run homer off Cortland starter Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) in the bottom of the fourth. D’Amboise entered the game with no outs in the fourth and allowed four hits and two runs in six innings. She struck out eight batters and eclipsed Cortland’s single-season strikeout mark with 172. The only runs she allowed were on Brean’s solo homers in the fifth and 10th innings.

Jaclyn Leitze earned the win for Plattsburgh. She pitched all 10 innings, allowing six hits and no walks while fanning seven batters. She retired 22 of the final 23 batters she faced after Rockwell’s homer. The only runner to reach was Dore on a two-out error in the seventh, but she was thrown out trying to advance to second on the play.

Rockwell finished 2-for-4 with a homer, double and two RBI for the Red Dragons. Prudhomme was 3-for-4 with a homer and triple and Brean was 2-for-5 to account for half of Plattsburgh’s 10 hits.

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Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (W, 18-4) and Blythe Beecher (Red Dragons: 34-10)
Buffalo St.: Nicole Sabuda (L), Aimee Fisher (4) and Lindsey Matheis (Bengals: 30-12)

HR – Nicole Sabuda (BS), Jamie Neuner (C), Jen Rockwell (C), Blythe Beecher (C)
3B – Dominique Talbot (C)
2B – Lindsey Matheis (BS)

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick, Ang D’Amboise (4) (L, 18-5) and Blythe Beecher (Red Dragons: 34-11)
Plattsburgh: Jaclyn Leitze (W, 19-5) and Melissa Luciano (Cardinals: 37-7, ranked 15th in Div. III)

HR – Jen Rockwell (C), Keri Brean 2 (P), Jamie Prudhomme (P)
3B – Jamie Prudhomme (P)
2B – Jen Rockwell (C), Megan Dore (C), Heidi Benware (P), Kelly Bazinet (P)