SUNY Cortland Baseball

Doubleheader vs. SUNY Brockport; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.
Friday, April 18, 2003

FINAL SCORES:
Game 1: Cortland 8, Brockport 3
Game 2: Brockport 3, Cortland 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) tossed a five-hitter and allowed three unearned runs as nationally sixth-ranked Cortland defeated Brockport 8-3 in the opening game of a SUNYAC doubleheader. In the nightcap, Brockport (16-3, 5-1 SUNYAC) snapped the Red Dragons’ 15-game winning streak with a 3-2 victory. Cortland (19-8, 11-1) had won 34 straight SUNYAC regular-season games dating back to April of 2001.

In the seven-inning opener, Hubbs struck out six and walked one. He is 4-0 this spring and has not allowed an earned run in 28 consecutive innings. Brockport took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning. Rob Gladwell (Cheektowaga) doubled down the right field line with one out, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on a passed ball. The game stayed at 1-0 until Cortland scored six runs, five unearned, in the bottom of the fifth. With one runner on and two outs, Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) singled to center and Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) singled through the left side to drive in the tying run. Ben Albright (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) then hit a grounder that should have ended the inning, but the ball was misplayed by Brockport’s third baseman and a run scored. Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) walked to load the bases and Brian Huber (Blue Point/St. John the Baptist) was hit by a pitch to force in a run. Pat D’Auria (Nyack) followed with a strikeout but advanced to first safely on a wild pitch, with a run scoring on the play. The scoring concluded when Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint), who pinch-ran earlier in the inning and scored a run, singled up the middle to drive in two runs.

Brockport got back two runs in the sixth on RBI groundouts by Mike Ranalli (Niagara Falls/Niagara-Wheatfield) and Gladwell. Two Red Dragon errors helped the Golden Eagles’ cause. Cortland answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning, however, on a bases-loaded walk to Josh Horner (Groton) and a sacrifice fly by P.J. Hermance (East Rochester).

Heaton finished 2-for-3 and Flegler was 2-for-4 for Cortland. Catcher Andy Madden (Corning/Corning East) went 2-for-3 and Gladwell was 1-for-3 to account for three of Brockport’s five hits.

In the nine-inning second game, Jeff Wilson (Gowanda) scattered eight hits and allowed two runs in six and one-third innings to improve his record to 2-0. Ryan Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) suffered the loss for Cortland despite striking out nine and walking none in nine innings. He allowed nine hits.

Brockport scored all of its runs on two-out hits. In the first inning, Madden and Andy Peterson (Bloomingburg/Pine Bush) singled with two outs and Gladwell singled to left to score Madden. In the fourth, Gladwell led off with a single, advanced to second two batters later on a groundout to Ensel and scored when Tom Wilson singled down the left field line. The Golden Eagles added a run in the seventh when Wilson doubled with two outs and scored on an RBI single to right by Rob Astalos (Kingston). Astalos stole second and tried to score on an infield single by John Morgan (Hilton) but was thrown out at the plate to end the inning.

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Cortland rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) singled with one out and D'Auria followed with a single to left. Horner walked to load the bases with one out and Mead was hit by a pitch to bring in a run. Mike Dank (Fairport) entered in relief and Travis Robinson (Ilion) greeted him with a blast to right field that was caught just in front of the fence for a sacrifice fly. Dank struck out the next batter to preserve Brockport’s 3-2 lead.

In the eighth, Heaton singled to right field to extend his hitting streak to 18 straight games. Heaton went to second on an error during the play, but was stranded there as Dank retired the next three hitters. In the ninth, Horner drew a one-out walk and Mead singled to left for his third hit in as many at-bats. Pinch-hitter Huber hit a flare that appeared to be heading into short right field, but Brockport second baseman Morgan hauled it in to end Huber’s 13-game hitting streak. Cory Haggerty (Ilion) popped up to short to end the game.

Tim Wilson finished 2-for-3 and Madden and Gladwell were each 2-for-4 to lead Brockport. Mead’s three hits and D’Auria’s 2-for-4 performance totaled half of Cortland’s 10 hits.

Game 1: Cortland 8, Brockport 3

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Brockport: Ben Kimball (L 2-2), Mike Dank (5), Derek Ward (6), Jason Waite (6) and Andy Madden
Cortland: Mike Hubbs (W 4-0) and Matt Ellis

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Rob Gladwell (B), Andy Mead (C)

Game 2: Brockport 3, Cortland 2

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Brockport (16-3, 5-1 SUNYAC): Jeff Wilson (W 2-0), Mike Dank (7, Save 1) and Andy Madden
Cortland (19-8, 11-1 SUNYAC): Ryan Ensel (L 2-1) and Travis Robinson, Ray Chopay (8)

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Tim Wilson (B)