FINAL SCORE: Cortland 2, Ithaca 0

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Junior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) pitched a complete-game shutout as nationally 24th-ranked Cortland defeated Ithaca College, 2-0, Friday afternoon at Wallace Field. With the win, Cortland improved to 14-7, while Ithaca fell to 6-6.

Hubbs dueled with Ithaca junior Kyle Sottung through the first five innings, as each hurler held the opponent scoreless. Hubbs escaped a one-out bases loaded jam in the top of the first, inducing senior Nick Pyzikiewicz into a double-play groundout. Hubbs then set down 11 Bombers in a row until a two-out single by freshman Kyle Rutherford in the fifth. Suttong cruised through the first five frames, holding the Red Dragons to an infield single by P.J. Hermance (East Rochester) in the fifth.

Cortland broke through in the sixth inning. Junior Kyle Bestine (Westfield) led off with a walk and advanced to second on senior Cory Haggerty’s (Ilion) sacrifice bunt. Bestine then went to third on a wild pitch, and after senior Brian Huber (Blue Point/St. John the Baptist) walked, senior Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) delivered a sacrifice fly down the right field line.

Ithaca threatened in the top of the seventh. Junior Joe Cavano drew a leadoff walk and moved to second on Pyzikiewicz’s single up the middle. A failed sacrifice bunt forced Cavano at third, though, and the next two batters grounded out and struck to end the inning.

The Red Dragons added a second run in the eighth. Huber led off with a single. With Flegler at the plate, a balk was called on Ithaca’s Jon Beckerman, but Flegler swung at the pitch and lofted a soft pop up into shallow right field. Ithaca’s defense froze, and the ball dropped in for a base hit as Huber moved to second base. Both runners moved up 60 feet after another balk call and sophomore Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) plated Huber with a sacrifice fly to left field.

Hubbs allowed just five hits and one walk while striking out four. Sottung pitched six and two-thirds innings, allowing one run on two hits and four walks while striking out seven. Beckerman surrendered one run in one and one-third innings of work.

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Ithaca: Kyle Sottung (L, 2-3), Jon Beckerman (7) and Eric Salinas
Cortland: Mike Hubbs (W, 3-0) and Kyle Bestine

3B - Nick Pyzikiewicz (I)
2B - P.J. Hermance (C)

Cortland: 14-7
Ithaca: 6-6