SUNY Cortland Baseball
SUNY Cortland vs. Montclair St. University; Little Falls, N.J.
Saturday, March 22, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Montclair St. 7, Cortland 4

LITTLE FALLS, N.J. – Sophomore catcher Sean Jones hit a grand slam in the second inning and freshman Joe Marzella added a three-run shot in the sixth inning to account for all of Montclair State’s runs as the Red Hawks (4-6) defeated Cortland 7-4 at Yogi Berra Stadium. The teams will meet again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

With two outs and a runner on in the second, Tommy Warth walked and P.J. Baccarella singled to load the bases. Jones, the number-nine hitter in the lineup, cleared the bases with a homer over the center field fence.

Cortland (4-7) got a run back in the sixth. Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) reached on a fielder’s choice and went to second when Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) was awarded first on catcher’s interference. A wild pitch moved the runners up and Ben Albright’s (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) sacrifice fly scored Heaton. In the bottom of the inning, Joe Giacomiazzio led off with a double for the Red Hawks and Brian Sheekey reached on a bunt single. Marzella then homered to right-center to knock Cortland starting pitcher Matt Miller (Harrison) out of the game. Miller allowed eight hits and seven runs in five innings. He also walked three batters and struck out two.

The Red Dragons mounted rallies in the final two innings but couldn’t catch the Red Hawks. In the eighth, singles by Heaton, Flegler and Albright loaded the bases with no outs. Montclair starter Jeff Gogal, however, got Pat D’Auria (Nyack) to ground into a second-to-first double play, with Heaton scoring on the play. An error on the next at-bat allowed Flegler to score to cut the deficit to 7-3 before a lineout ended the inning. Cortland also scored once and loaded the bases in the ninth on a walk, a single, an error and two hit batters. D’Auria hit into a fielder’s choice to end the game.

Heaton finished 3-for-5 and Albright and freshman Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) each recorded two hits to account for seven of Cortland’s nine hits.

Gogal allowed eight hits, struck out five and walked one in eight innings for the win.

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Cortland (4-7) : Matt Miller (L, 1-1), Nick McPartland (6), Jason Chyr (7), Chad Parker (8) and Kyle Bestine Montclair St. (4-6): Jeff Gogal (W, 2-0), Alan Sandberg (9) and Jeff Gogal, Eric Cantagallo (8)

HR - Joe Marzella (M), Sean Jones (M)
3B - none
2B - Danny Rodriguez (M), Joe Giacomiazzio (M) 2