FINAl SCOrE: New Haven 3, Cortland 2 (10 innings)

ORMOND BEACH, FLA. – Doug Vroman homered with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning to give New Haven a 3-2 victory over Cortland. The Division II Chargers improve to 3-0 on the season, while Cortland falls to 1-4.

Junior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) turned in a solid pitching performance for the Red Dragons, allowing just five hits and one run in seven and one-third innings. He struck out seven and walked two.

The Red Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning. Cory Haggerty (Ilion) walked to lead off the inning but was thrown out at home trying to score on a double by Ben Albright (Poughkeepsie/Arlington). Albright advanced to third on the throw and scored on Jeff Flegler’s (Gloucester, NJ) RBI single through the left side.

In the sixth inning, Brian Huber (Blue Point/St. John the Baptist) hit a leadoff double and advanced to third on a Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) sacrifice bunt. Pinch-hitter P.J. Hermance (East Rochester) followed with an RBI single to left to give Cortland a 2-0 lead. Cortland let two other scoring chances slip away, leaving the bases loaded in both the second and fifth innings.

New Haven tied the game with two runs in the eighth. Vroman singled with one out and stole second. Kyle Davis singled to center with two outs off Cortland reliever Craig Robinson (Stony Point/North Rockland) to score Vroman. Davis went to second when the throw from the outfield sailed over the catcher’s head. The next batter, Joe Cantone, hit a chopper up the middle off of Robinson’s glove. Albright, the second baseman, got to the ball but had his throw to first go over the head of first baseman Flegler, allowing the tying run to score.

Ryan Place relieved Vroman on the mound in the fifth and allowed two hits over four and two-third innings. After Hermance’s RBI single, Place retired the next 10 Cortland batters. Jim O’Malia entered the game in the top of the 10th for the Chargers and retired the side in order to earn the win. In the bottom of the inning, Robinson got the first hitter to pop up before Vroman homered over the left field fence.

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Cortland: Mike Hubbs, Craig Robinson (8, L) and Ray Chopay, Kyle Bestine (9)
New Haven: Doug Vroman, Ryan Place (5), Jim O’Malia (10, W) and Matt Moran

HR - Doug Vroman (NH)
3B - none
2B - Ben Albright (C), Brian Huber (C), Kyle Davis (NH)