SUNY Cortland Baseball

Doubleheader vs. SUNY New Paltz; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.
Saturday, April 19, 2003

FINAL SCORES:
Game 1: Cortland 27, New Paltz 1
Game 2: Cortland 16, New Paltz 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked sixth nationally in Division III, recorded a combined 43 runs and 44 hits in a doubleheader sweep versus New Paltz. The Red Dragons (21-8, 13-1 SUNYAC) won the first game 27-1 and the second game 16-2.

Senior Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) led Cortland with three home runs and 10 runs batted in for the twinbill. His grand slam highlighted a 12-run third inning for the Red Dragons in the opener. Cortland hit five home runs in the nightcap, including two each by Flegler and Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport). Flegler also added a two-run double and finished 3-for-4 with five RBI. Heaton was 3-for-4 with three RBI and has now hit safely in 20 straight games.

Freshman Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was a combined 6-for-7 with four RBI in the doubleheader. He was 3-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI in the opener and was 3-for-4 with a double in the nightcap. Senior Matt Ellis (Owego/Owego Free Academy) went 4-for-5 with four RBI in the first contest, including a two-run homer, and sophomore Jim Abran (Sandy Creek) was 2-for-3 with three RBI off the bench in the first game.

Junior Josh Horner (Groton) drove in all five of his runs in the first game in the 12-run third inning. He hit a two-run single and later added a three-run homer. He finished 3-for-3 with five RBI and was 2-for-3 in the second game. Junior Pat D’Auria (Nyack) hit a solo homer in the second contest.

Cortland’s starting pitchers turned in two solid performances. In the seven-inning opener, sophomore Mike Burnett (Westfield) allowed just one hit in four innings – a single to right by Silvester Castro (New York City/Norman Thomas). Burnett struck out eight and walked one. Freshman Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) earned a save with three innings of effective relief. He allowed no hits and one unearned run, struck out two and walked one. In the second game, sophomore Matt Miller (Harrison) gave up three hits and two runs in six innings. He fanned nine and walked three. Sophomore Ryan Brown (Liverpool) tossed two scoreless innings and freshman Nick McPartland (Wappingers Falls/Beacon) held New Paltz scoreless in the ninth.

Matt Zajdel (Agwam, MA/Wilbraham and Monson) was 2-for-4 for New Paltz (8-19, 4-4) in the nightcap. Jeff Cote’ (Mechanicsville, MD/Chopticon) drove in both runs for the Hawks with a bases-loaded, bad-hop single with one out in the fifth. New Paltz trailed 8-2 at the time and had the bases loaded with one out later in the inning but couldn’t score again.

Cortland completes its SUNYAC regular-season schedule with just one loss. The only team that can catch the Red Dragons in the standings is Brockport, who entered Saturday’s action with a 5-1 league record. The Golden Eagles need to win their final eight games to force a tie in the standings. The regular-season champion will host the four-team SUNYAC tournament May 1-3.

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New Paltz: Keith Roloson (L, 2-2), Alex Tate (3), Chris Schuon (4), Jason Atkins (5) and Joshua Gutes, Joe Papasidero (4)
Cortland: Mike Burnett (W, 3-0), Jason Chyr (5, Save 1) and Matt Ellis

HR - Jeff Fl egl er (C), Josh Horner (C), Matt Ellis (C)
3B - Andy Mead (C)
2B - Andy Mead (C), P.J. Hermance (C), Tom Avery (C), Jim Abran (C), Travis Robinson (C), Matt Ellis (C)

**Game 2: Cortland 16, New Paltz 2**

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New Paltz (8-19, 4-4 SUNYAC): Rich Bizelia (L, 1-4), Andrew Raphael (6), Marc Bernstein (7) and Joshua Gutes, Joe Papasidero (7)
Cortland (21-8, 13-1 SUNYAC): Matt Miller (W, 3-1), Ryan Brown (7), Nick McPartland (9) and Ray Chopay

HR - Jeff Flegler (C) 2, Neal Heaton Jr. (C) 2, Pat D’Auria (C)
3B - none
2B - Randy Walters (NP), Andy Mead (C), Jeff Flegler (C), Cory Haggerty (C)