SUNY Cortland Baseball

vs. Univ. of Rochester; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

Tuesday, April 15, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 10, Rochester 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Toby Youngs (Windsor) pitched six innings of four-hit scoreless ball as nationally sixth-ranked Cortland defeated visiting Rochester 10-1 in a non-league contest. Youngs retired the first nine batters he faced and finished the game with five strikeouts and no walks to improve to 2-1. Cortland (17-7) has won 13 straight games. Rochester falls to 7-11.

Junior Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) finished 2-for-3 with an RBI to extend his hitting streak to 15 straight games. He is batting .500 (31-of-62) this spring. Senior Brian Huber (Blue Point/St. John the Baptist) improved his hitting streak to 11 games with a bunt single to lead off the bottom of the first. Seniors Ben Albright (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) and Cory Haggerty (Ilion) each finished 2-for-4 with an RBI. Freshman Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI and senior Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) was 2-for-5 with one RBI.

Senior R.J. Johnsen (Washington, DC/Woodrow Wilson) went 2-for-4 with a double to lead Rochester. Freshman Dan Pfohl (Buffalo/St. Joseph’s) drove in the Yellowjackets’ lone run with a two-out single in the seventh. That hit plated junior Michael Lesczinski (Rochester/Irondequoit), who doubled with one out. Senior Justin Davis (Little Falls) allowed 11 hits and eight runs in five innings. He struck out three and walked two. Sophomore Justin Sansone (Pittsford) pitched three innings, allowing four hits and two runs, one earned.

Cortland scored three runs on four hits in the bottom of the first. After Huber’s bunt single, Heaton singled through a wide open left side when Rochester’s shortstop covered second on a potential Huber steal attempt. Flegler’s single scored Huber and sophomore Nate Gagnon’s (Wilton/South Glens Falls) sacrifice fly scored Heaton. Albright followed with an infield single to the hole at shortstop and, after a double steal by Flegler and Albright, Haggerty drove in a run with a groundout to second.

The Red Dragons added a run in the second when Mead singled, advanced to third on a single by freshman Travis Robinson (Ilion) and scored on a Heaton sacrifice fly. Cortland broke the game open with four runs in the fifth. Flegler reached on an infield single and scored on Gagnon’s triple to center. Albright doubled to right to score Gagnon, and a wild pitch, hit batter and a walk loaded the bases with no outs. Mead hit into a fielder’s choice to score Haggerty. Davis got out of further trouble with a strikeout and a groundout to end the inning.

Rochester threatened in the fourth when sophomore Stewart Swayze (Tulsa, OK) led off with single – Rochester’s first hit – and went to second two batters later on a single by freshman Chris Rosenbaum (Castleton/Columbia). Johnsen followed with a single to center, but Swayze was easily thrown out at the plate by Huber. A groundout ended the inning.

Cortland’s final run came in the seventh when Josh Horner (Groton) singled to center and scored on a Mead double to right-center. Chad Parker (Marathon) pitched two innings in relief of Youngs and allowed three hits and one run. Ryan Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) gave up one hit and one walk while fanning two in a scoreless ninth.

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Rochester (7-11): Justin Davis (L 2-2), Justin Sansone (6) and Justin Martinez
Cortland (17-7): Toby Youngs (W 2-1), Chad Parker (7), Ryan Ensel (9) and Travis Robinson, Matt Ellis (6)

HR - none
3B - Nate Gagnon (C)
2B - R.J. Johnsen (UR), Michael Lesczinski (UR), Adam Braveman (UR), Ben Albright (C), Andy Mead (C)