SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. College of St. Rose; Ormond Beach, Fla.
Saturday, March 15, 2003

FINAL SCORE: St. Rose 3, Cortland 2

ORMOND BEACH, FLA. – St. Rose scored the eventual game-winning run on a wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Division II Golden Knights edged Cortland 3-2 on Saturday morning. The Red Dragons finish their southern trip with a 4-6 record, including four one-run losses.

Sophomore Mike Burnett (Westfield) started for Cortland and allowed four hits and one unearned run in six innings. He struck out seven batters.

St. Rose (7-1) took a 1-0 lead in the second on an RBI double by Bob Timke. Cortland tied the game in the fourth when senior Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) drew a one-out walk – his first of three on the day – and eventually scored on an RBI groundout by junior Pat D’Auria (Nyack).

The Red Dragons gained the lead in the seventh when freshman Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) singled with one out, stole second and scored on a two-out single by freshman Adam Sidebottom (Lockport/Starpoint). St. Rose, however, tied the game in the bottom of the seventh. The Golden Knights loaded the bases with one out before hitting a ball back to Cortland reliever Ryan Brown (Liverpool), who knocked it down and threw home to force out the runner trying to score. Brown, however, uncorked a wild pitch during the next at-bat that allowed the tying run to score.

In the eighth, Joe Mariano doubled with two outs off Brown. Senior Chad Parker (Marathon) entered the game at that point and ended up throwing two wild pitches to allow Mariano to score the go-ahead run. In the ninth, Flegler led off with a walk for the Red Dragons, but the next three hitters were retired to end the game.

Senior Ben Albright (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) finished 2-for-4 for Cortland, while Timke was 2-for-2 with an RBI for the Golden Knights. St. Rose reliever St. Rose earned the win with five innings of three-hit relief.

Cortland’s next game is scheduled at Cazenovia on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

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Cortland: Mike Burnett, Nick McPartland (7), Ryan Brown (7, L), Chad Parker (8) and Ray Chopay, Kyle Bestine (8)
St. Rose: Nick Davey, Kevin Jette (5, W) and Chris Burdo, Joe Mariano (5)

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Ben Albright (C), Joe Mariano (S), Bob Timke (S)