2003 SUNYAC Baseball Tournament

Game 1 – SUNY Plattsburgh vs. SUNY Brockport; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

Friday, May 2, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Brockport 10, Plattsburgh 4

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Brockport hit five home runs, including two by senior Brian Herdlein (Batavia), as the Golden Eagles defeated Plattsburgh 10-4 in the opening game of the State University of New York Athletic Conference baseball tournament at Cortland’s Wallace Field. Brockport (28-6), the second seed in the four-team, double-elimination tournament, will face top-seeded Cortland on Saturday at 1 p.m., while Plattsburgh (13-18) will play Oneonta in an elimination game on Saturday at 10 a.m. Three games were originally scheduled for Friday, but only two were played due to a weather delay before the first contest.

Herdlein finished the game 4-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored. Sophomore designated hitter Andy Peterson (Bloomingburg/Pine Bush) went 3-for-4 with a homer and two RBI and junior Rob Gladwell (Cheektowaga) was 2-for-5 with a home run and three RBI. Sophomore Ryan Mohr (Cheektowaga/Maryvale) pitched a complete game to improve his record to 5-0. He allowed 10 hits, four runs (two unearned) and one walk while striking out six. Plattsburgh starter Sean Ilott (Colonial) gave up 10 hits and seven runs in three innings.

Brockport took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Peterson homered to lead off the inning. Gladwell doubled and Herdlein reached on an infield single, with Gladwell holding at second. An errant pickoff throw by Plattsburgh’s catcher put runners on second and third. Senior Justin Beach (Troy/Columbia) drove in a run with a sacrifice fly and senior Patsy Marra (Falconer) singled in a run.

Plattsburgh answered with two runs in the third. Sophomore Matt Kahan (Levittown/MacArthur) led off with a double, went to third on a Cliff Conners (Plattsburgh) sacrifice bunt and scored on a single to center by freshman Dave Waldron (Saranac). Kahan finished 3-for-5 and Waldron was 2-for-5. Later in the inning, sophomore Joe Jarrett (Massena) singled with runners on second and third. One run scored, but the runner was second was thrown out at home by left fielder Mike Ranalli (Niagara Falls/Niagara-Wheatfield).

Brockport’s John Morgan (Hilton) led off the bottom of the third with a single to center for his school single-season record 50th hit. Peterson followed with a single and Gladwell hit a three-run homer to left-center to give the Golden Eagles a 6-2 lead. Herdlein then homered to left on the next at-bat for a 7-2 advantage.

Plattsburgh scored two unearned runs in the sixth. Sophomore Jon Lerner (Valley Falls/Lasalle Institute) and Jarrett hit back-to-back singles to start the inning. A hit batsmen one batter later loaded the bases. The first run scored on a passed ball and the second came in on a squeeze bunt by sophomore Dennis Lavin (Syracuse/Westhill). The Golden Eagles added a run in the seventh on Herdlein’s second homer, a one-out solo shot, and scored two in the eighth on freshman Tim Wilson’s (Long Beach) solo round-tripper and a Peterson sacrifice fly.

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Plattsburgh (13-18): Sean Elliott (L, 3-3), Brian Noel (4) and Gustavo Espinal
Brockport (28-6): Ryan Mohr (W, 5-0) and Andy Madden

HR - Brian Herdlein (B) 2, Andy Peterson (B), Rob Gladwell (B), Tim Wilson (B)
3B - none
2B - Matt Kahan (P), Rob Gladwell (B)