2003 SUNYAC Baseball Tournament

Game 2 – SUNY Oneonta vs. SUNY Cortland; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.
Friday, May 2, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 9, Oneonta 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) allowed three hits and one run over eight and one-third innings as host and top-seeded Cortland defeated Oneonta 9-1 in the first round of the State University of New York Athletic Conference baseball tournament. Cortland will play Brockport (a 10-4 winner vs. Plattsburgh) on Saturday at 1 p.m. in a winner’s bracket contest of the double-elimination tournament. Oneonta (23-13) will play Plattsburgh at 10 a.m. in an elimination game.

Hubbs struck out six and walked two. He is 6-0 this spring and is among the Division III national leaders with a 0.65 earned run average. The only run he allowed was a solo homer to sophomore Rocco Grassi (Endicott/Union-Endicott) down the left field line to lead off the top of the fifth inning. Oneonta freshman Erik Weber (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) started and allowed eight hits and six runs, five earned, in five and one-third innings.

Cortland (28-9) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Freshman Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) singled up the middle on the first pitch he saw and was bunted to second by senior Cory Haggerty (Ilion). Senior Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) walked and senior Ben Albright (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) singled to right to drive in Mead. Senior Brian Huber (Blue Point/St. John the Baptist) followed with a sacrifice fly to center and junior Pat D’Auria (Nyack) capped off the inning with a two-run homer to center.

The Red Dragons added two runs in the second. Junior Josh Horner (Groton) led off with a single and junior Matt Ellis (Owego/Owego Free Academy) bunted him to second. Mead reached on an infield single and, two batters later, Flegler singled in Horner. A passed ball plated the other run.

Cortland wrapped up the scoring with three runs in the eighth. Ellis led off with a homer to left-center. Mead was 3-for-5 with three runs scored. Oneonta’s three hits were Grassi’s homer and a double and single by Geoff Loiacono (Herkimer), who finished 2-for-3.

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Oneonta (23-13): Erik Weber (L, 3-2), Jarred Brown (6), Adrian Santiago (8) and Mike Kuratnick, Josh Bennett (8) Cortland (28-9): Mike Hubbs (W, 6-0), Chad Parker (9) and Matt Ellis

HR - Rocco Grassi (ON), Pat D’Auria (C), Matt Ellis (C)
3B - none
2B - Geoff Loiacono (ON)