2003 SUNYAC Baseball Tournament

Game 3 – SUNY Oneonta vs. SUNY Plattsburgh; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.
Saturday, May 3, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Oneonta 10, Plattsburgh 6

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Oneonta broke a 6-6 tie with three runs in the top of the sixth and the Red Dragons defeated Plattsburgh 10-6 in an elimination game of the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) baseball tournament.

Oneonta (24-13) took a 3-0 lead in the first inning, hitting four straight doubles in the process. With one out, Jamie Wright (Ithaca/Lansing) doubled down the left field line. Rob Elmendorf (Hyde Park/Roosevelt) also doubled down the left field line to score Wright and Rob Bernstein (Staten Island/Susan E. Wagner) doubled to left center to plate Elmendorf. Geoff Loiacono (Herkimer) finished the string with a double to center to drive in Bernstein.

The Red Dragons added two runs in the third on an RBI double by Jesse Torchia (LaGrangeville/Arlington) and an RBI single by Chris Brew (Vestal). Plattsburgh responded with two runs in the bottom of the third on a two-run double by John Sabec (Mississauga, ONT/Father Michael Goetz).

Oneonta used two more doubles to add to its lead in the fifth. Loiacono doubled to right center with one out and scored on a two-out double by Rocco Grassi (Endicott/Union-Endicott). The Cardinals (13-19), however, rallied to tie the game in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, Matt Kahan (Levittown/MacArthur) drew a walk, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. After Cliff Conners (Plattsburgh) walked, Dan Gamache (Poughkeepsie/Roosevelt) relieved starter Josh Gransbury (Walton) and gave up an RBI infield single to Dave Waldron (Saranac). Sabec’s single through the right side and Jon Lerner’s (Valley Falls/LaSalle Institute) single to left each drove in a run and Joe Jarrett’s (Massena) sacrifice fly tied the game at 6-6.

Oneonta took the lead for good in the sixth. Brew singled to right and Josh Bennett (Norwich) reached on a bunt single while trying to sacrifice Brew to second. Ryan McGinniss (Latham/CCHS) singled in a run and, two batters later, Elmendorf doubled to right center to score two runs. The Red Dragons’ final run came on a Plattsburgh throwing error in the eighth.

Loiacono and Torchia were each 3-for-5 with an RBI for Oneonta and Elmendorf was 2-for-5 with three RBI. Elmendorf and Loiacono each had two of Oneonta’s eight doubles in the contest. Sabec was 2-for-4 with two RBI and Kahan and Lerner were each 2-for-4 for the Cardinals.

Oneonta reliever Mike Rockefeller (Galway) was credited with the win after allowing just one hit and no runs and striking out three over the final four innings. Mike Bergman (Plattsburgh) suffered the loss after giving up 12 hits and eight runs in five innings.

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Oneonta (24-13): Josh Gransbury, Dan Gamache (5), Mike Rockefeller (6, W 3-0) and Josh Bennett, Mike Kuratnick (6) Plattsburgh (13-19): Mike Bergman (L, 3-3), Dave Waldron (6), Brian Noel (6), Chaz Loomis (8), Joe Light (9) and Gustavo Espinal, Jon Dumas (7)

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Jamie Wright (ON), Rob Elmendorf (ON) 2, Rob Bernstein (ON), Geoff Loiacono (ON) 2, Jesse Torchia (ON), Rocco Grassi (ON), John Sabec (P)