2003 SUNYAC Baseball Tournament

Game 5 – SUNY Oneonta vs. SUNY Brockport; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.
Saturday, May 3, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Brockport 17, Oneonta 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Brockport earned a spot in Sunday’s championship round with a 17-2 win over Oneonta at the State University of New York Athletic Conference baseball tournament. The Golden Eagles, who lost 11-0 to Cortland earlier in the day, will face Cortland again on Sunday at noon and need to defeat the defending league champion Red Dragons twice to win the title. Brockport is now 29-7, while Oneonta falls to 24-14.

The Golden Eagles were held scoreless in the first inning, but scored in every other inning through their final at-bat in the eighth. They scored five unearned runs in the second, aided by two Oneonta errors. Mike Ranalli’s (Niagara Falls/Niagara-Wheatfield) two-run double was the big hit in the inning. Brockport also added three runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings.

Ranalli finished 3-for-6 with two RBI and was one of four Golden Eagles to contribute three hits toward a 22-hit output. Sophomore Andy Peterson (Bloomingburg/Pine Bush) was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Tim Wilson (Long Beach) went 3-for-5 with an RBI. Matt Johnson (Kingston) entered the game as a pinch-hitter in the sixth inning and finished 3-for-3 with an RBI double in the sixth and singles in the seventh and eighth innings.

Ben Kimball (Bainbridge/Bainbridge-Guilford) went the distance for Brockport, allowing 10 hits and two runs, one earned, in nine innings. He struck out eight batters and walked two.

Oneonta scored in the sixth when Ryan McGinniss (Latham/CCHS) doubled and eventually scored on a fielder’s choice grounder by Rob Elmendorf (Hyde Park/Roosevelt). The Red Dragons’ final run came in the ninth. Pinch-hitter Rick Vesely (Schenectady/Guilderland) singled with two outs. Pinch-hitter Josh Gransbury (Walton) followed with a single to right and Vesely scored when the throw to third by Brockport’s second baseman was wild.

Rocco Grassi (Endicott/Union-Endicott) was 2-for-2 for Oneonta. Geoff Loiacono (Herkimer) and McGinnis also had two hits. John Schofield (Endicott/Union-Endicott) suffered the loss. He gave up 10 hits and 10 runs, four earned, in five innings.

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Oneonta (24-14): John Schofield (L, 2-4), Greg Funck (6), Jarred Brown (8) and Mike Kuratnick, Josh Bennett (6)
Brockport (29-7): Ben Kimball (W, 4-3) and Andy Madden, Jeff Schwegler (7)

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Ryan McGinniss (ON), Geoff Loiacono (ON), Mike Ranalli (B), Andy Madden (B), Matt Johnson (B), Tim Wilson (B)