UTICA, N.Y. – Freshman Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went a combined 6-for-10 with five RBI as Cortland opened its SUNYAC schedule with a doubleheader sweep at SUNYIT. The Red Dragons (7-7, 2-0 SUNYAC) won the opener 12-2 and the second game 19-6.

In the seven-inning first contest, Mead went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI and sophomore Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI. Four other Red Dragons added two hits apiece to Cortland’s 16-hit attack. Sophomore Brian Edmunds (Johnson City) and junior Pat D’Auria (Nyack) were each 2-for-3 and senior Cory Haggerty (Ilion) and senior Ben Albright (Poughkeepsie/Arlington) were each 2-for-4.

Junior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) gave up just one hit and one unearned run in five innings. He retired the first 11 batters he faced before Ken Schaefer reached on an error with two outs in the fourth. Hubbs walked the next batter and Mark Lossi’s RBI single broke up his no-hit bid. Hubbs finished with seven strikeouts against only one walk. Freshman Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) pitched the final two innings, permitting one hit and one unearned run. He struck out three and walked none.

Gagnon’s two-run double keyed a three-run third inning that gave the Red Dragons a 4-0 lead. Gagnon also doubled in the last of Cortland’s four unearned runs in the fourth and Albright tripled in two runs during a three-run seventh.

Senior Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) doubled in two runs during the seven-run first inning. Horner and Shick hit back-to-back two-run singles in the second. Freshman Travis Robinson (Ilion) hit a solo homer in the third and D’Auria hit a solo shot in the sixth. Mead’s homer came in the top of the fifth.

Senior Kyle Johnson (Hornell) earned the victory, giving up eight hits and a walk in five innings. He struck out four and allowed four runs, three earned.
CORTLAND BASEBALL
Doubleheader vs. SUNYIT; March 28, 2003 (Utica, NY)

Game 1: Cortland 12, SUNYIT 2

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Cortland: Mike Hubbs (W, 1-0), Jason Chyr (6) and Matt Ellis, Ray Chopay (6)
SUNYIT: Matt Mosenthin (L), Daric Diorio (4) and Norm Liberman

HR - none
3B - Ben Albright (C), Andy Mead (C)
2B - Cory Haggerty (C), Nate Gagnon (C) 2, P.J. Hermance (C)

Game 2: Cortland 19, SUNYIT 6

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Cortland (7-7, 2-0 SUNYAC): Kyle Johnson (W, 2-1), Ryan Brown (6), Chad Parker (8), Craig Robinson (9) and Travis Robinson, Ray Chopay (7)
SUNYIT (4-6, 0-2 SUNYAC): Errick Chiasson (L), Steve Schaefer (2), Jared Humiston (6), Jason Lansing (9) and Norm Liberman, Josh Goodbred (7)

HR - Travis Robinson (C), Pat D’Auria (C), Andy Mead (C)
3B - Neal Heaton Jr. (C), Josh Lansing (S)
2B - Jeff Fiegler (C), Josh Horner (C), Kevin Coates (S), Norm Liberman (S) 2, Jason Lansing (S)