CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland clinched its ninth consecutive SUNYAC regular-season title with a 14-2 victory over Oneonta in the second game of a doubleheader. Oneonta won the first game, 4-2 in 10 innings, to create a “winner-take-all” scenario in the nightcap. Cortland, ranked sixth nationally in Division III, is now 28-5-1 overall and finishes 13-1 in league play. The Red Dragons will host the four-team SUNYAC tournament May 6-8. Oneonta, ranked 15th in Division III, is 26-7-1 and 12-2 in the conference.

In the nightcap, Cortland senior Matt Miller (Harrison) improved to 6-0 and tied the school record for career victories with 24. He allowed five hits and two runs, struck out seven and walked seven in six innings. Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) finished 3-for-4 with five RBI, junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) was 4-for-5 with an RBI and junior Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) was 3-for-3 with four runs scored to lead a 19-hit Cortland attack.

The Red Dragons struck for five hits and four runs in the bottom of the first off Oneonta starter Mike Schellinger (Syracuse/Jamesville-DeWitt). Mead singled in a run after Basnight was hit by a pitch and advanced to third on a Tacelli single. Two batters later, senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) hit a three-run opposite field homer over the right field fence to give Cortland a 4-0 lead. Cortland added a run in the second on a Mead fielder's choice.

Oneonta got two runs back in the top of the third. A Thomas Colt (Ithaca/Lansing) walk and singles by Anthony Suhadolnik (Windsor) and Greg Sulz (Latham/Shaker) loaded the bases. Bases-loaded walks to Brent Tortarella (Staatsburg/Roosevelt) with one out and Jamie Wright (Ithaca/Lansing) with two outs forced in runs, but Miller recorded a flyout to leave the bases loaded. Cortland added two runs in the fifth on a Travis Robinson (Ilion) RBI double and a Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) RBI single and picked up three more in the sixth on a run-scoring single by Tacelli and Mead's two-run single. The final four runs came in the eighth on a Mead sacrifice fly to the shortstop in left field, a Robinson RBI double, a sacrifice fly by Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and an Erik Johnson (Mount Kisco/Fox Lane) RBI single.

The doubleheader featured three pitchers ranked in the top five in Division III in earned run average. Schellinger entered the game ranked fifth at 0.95. In the first game, Cortland starter Jim Dougher (Liverpool) entered ranked second nationally at 0.41, while Oneonta starter Chris Salamida (Watervliet) was fourth at 0.88. Dougher and Salamida both received no-decisions in the game.

Dougher allowed eight hits and two runs, both earned, in seven innings. He struck out four and walked one. Salamida gave up five hits and two runs, one earned, in six and two-third innings. He fanned three and walked four. Salamida was also Oneonta's offensive leader, finishing 3-for-4 with an RBI. He was ejected in the eighth inning, however, after an emotional display following a groundout and was unable to play in the second game.

Oneonta broke a 2-2 tie with two runs in the top of the 10th on RBI doubles by Wright and Brandon Galutz (Cortland). Tortarella led off with 10th with a single through the right side and moved to second on a Mike VanPatten (Watervliet) sacrifice bunt. Wright then doubled over the right fielder's head to drive in Tortarella and, two batters later, Wright doubled to right center to provide an insurance run.

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Oneonta took a 2-0 lead in the fifth inning. Galutz led off with a single, was bunted to second by Suhadolnik, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on a passed ball. Sulz then walked and scored on Salamida's RBI double to right. Cortland got a run back in the sixth on a strange play. Mead reached second on a one-out error and tagged and went to third on a D'Auria flyout. Oneonta attempted twice to appeal the play at second, saying that Mead left too early. On Salamida's second appeal attempt, he was called for a balk, allowing Mead to score. Cortland tied the game in the seventh when Shawn Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) walked, was bunted to second by Piovesan, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on Nick Wilson's (Auburn) sacrifice fly.

Basnight was 3-for-5 with a double and Newman went 2-for-5 for Cortland in the opener. Rob Elmendorf (Hyde Park/Roosevelt) was 2-for-4 and Galutz and Wright were each 2-for-5 with an RBI for Oneonta. Don Lawrence (Norwich) earned the win in relief, giving up two hits and a walk and striking out three in three scoreless innings. Christopher Bellinger (Amsterdam) faced one batter and got a flyout with a runner on first to pick up his first save of the season.

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Oneonta: Chris Salamida, Don Lawrence (7) (W, 3-1), Chris Bellinger (10) (Save, 1) and Brent Tortarella
Cortland: Jim Dougher, Nick McPartland (8), Justin Mattes (9) (L, 2-1) and Shawn Ensel, Erik Johnson

2B - Greg Sulz (ON), Chris Salamida (ON), Jamie Wright (ON), Brandon Galutz (ON), Anthony Suhadolnik (ON), Jimmy Basnight (C)

### Game 2: Cortland 14, Oneonta 2

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Oneonta: Mike Schellinger (L, 2-2), Ryan Marsh (5), Patrick Connors (6), Chris Pollard (7), James Moretti (8) and Brent Tortarella, Josh Bennett (8) (Red Dragons: 26-7-1, 12-2 SUNYAC; ranked 15th in Div. III)
Cortland: Matt Miller (W, 6-0), Jason Chyr (7), Ken Hartling (9) and Shawn Ensel, Erik Johnson (7) (Red Dragons: 28-5-1, 13-1 SUNYAC; ranked 6th in Div. III)

2B - Travis Robinson (C) 2, Shawn Ensel (C)
HR - Steve Newman (C)