SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Institute of Technology (Doubleheader)
Saturday, April 16, 2005; Utica, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 5, SUNYIT 0
GAME 2: Cortland 11, SUNYIT 5

UTICA, N.Y. – Senior Mike Burnett (Westfield) allowed six hits and no walks and struck out nine in eight and two-third innings as Cortland defeated SUNYIT, 5-0, in the opening game of a doubleheader. The Red Dragons, ranked eighth in Division III, completed the sweep with an 11-5 win in the nightcap behind a 17-hit attack.

Senior Steve Newman (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta) hit a solo homer in the first game and went 2-for-5 with a double in the nightcap to extend his hitting streak to 24 consecutive games. The home run gave Cortland a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning of the opener. He also drove in runs with sacrifice flies in the sixth and ninth innings and finished with three RBI. Junior Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) and sophomore Shawn Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) each doubled and scored a run in the contest and junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) plated a run with a sacrifice fly in the third inning.

Willie Wilson was 2-for-3 and Ty Brodt went 2-for-4 for the Wildcats. Travis Steffens pitched a complete game, giving up six hits and four walks. He allowed five earned runs and struck out two.

In the second game, Mead finished 3-for-6 with four RBI and was a double shy of hitting for the cycle. He hit a two-run triple in the third, singled in the sixth and cracked a two-run homer, his seventh of the season, in the eighth. Sophomore Travis Robinson (Ilion) and senior Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) were each 3-for-5 with two RBI and senior Nick Wilson (Auburn) went 3-for-4 with a double.

Junior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S) started for the Red Dragons but was pulled one batter into the fourth inning. He allowed four hits and three runs, one earned, in three innings. He struck out two and walked one. Sophomore Justin Mattes (Queensbury) entered the game in the fourth and pitched two hitless and scoreless innings for the victory. He is now 2-0 on the season.

Newman's RBI single staked Cortland to a 1-0 lead in the first. SUNYIT responded with a two-run single by Jason Vick in the second to take a 2-1 lead, but Cortland scored four in the top of the third. Wilson doubled, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a passed ball. Mead hit his two-run triple a couple of batters later, followed by a D'Auria RBI single.

Leading 5-3, Cortland picked up a run in the fourth on a Robinson RBI single and two in the sixth – one the result of a fielding error after a Mead single and the other on D'Auria's RBI single. The Wildcats scored twice in the sixth, including one on a Wilson RBI single. Mead's homer in the eighth pushed Cortland's lead to 10-5 and Robinson's RBI groundout finished the scoring in the ninth.

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Cortland: Mike Burnett (W, 5-2), Nick McPartland (9) and Shawn Ensel
SUNYIT: Travis Steffens (L) and Don Dawes

2B - Andy Mead (C), Shawn Ensel (C)
HR - Steve Newman (C)

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Cortland: Jason Chyr, Justin Mattes (4) (W, 2-0), Brendan Rowlands (6), Nick McPartland (8), Eric Wright (9) and Erik Johnson (Red Dragons: 23-4, 8-0 SUNYAC; ranked 8th in Div. III)
SUNYIT: Frank DiBrango, Luis Vazquez (3) (L), Brian Russell (3), Willie Wilson (8) and Justin Lasky (Wildcats: 5-10, 2-6 SUNYAC)

2B - Steve Newman (C), Nick Wilson (C), Matt Zyskowski (S), Justin Lasky (S)
3B - Andy Mead (C)
HR - Andy Mead (C)