SUNY Cortland Baseball

Doubleheader vs. SUNY Brockport
Saturday, April 1, 2006; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 7, Brockport 5
GAME 2: Cortland 2, Brockport 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Shawn Ensel’s (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh drove in the winning run as Cortland defeated Brockport, 2-1, to complete a doubleheader sweep in the SUNYAC openers for both teams. The Red Dragons won the opener, 7-5, after withstanding a five-run Brockport rally in the bottom of the ninth. Cortland, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, has won 10 straight games and is now 15-3 overall. Brockport drops to 6-9 with the two losses.

In the seven-inning nightcap, Cortland junior Jimmy Dougher (Liverpool) earned the win to up his record to 4-0. He gave up six hits and two walks and struck out nine in a complete-game effort. Brockport junior Jake Dennstedt (Churchville/Churchville-Chili) turned in a strong outing in the loss. He gave up five hits, Cortland’s lowest total of the season, walked two and struck out four in six and two-thirds innings.

Brockport took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third. Sophomore Kyle Holmes (Canandaigua) led off with a double, moved to third on a one-out flyout and scored two batters later on junior Tim Wilson’s (Long Beach) single through the left side. Cortland tied the game in the bottom of the third on junior Will Groff’s (Queensbury) solo homer to left. Groff finished 2-for-2 and, combined with a hit in the opener, extended his hitting streak to 14 games.

Cortland’s winning rally started when junior Dan Maycock (Utica/T.R. Proctor) was hit by a pitch. He advanced to second when Dennstedt was called for a balk after he started to throw to first on a pickoff but stopped when realizing that the first baseman had charged in for a potential bunt and wasn’t at the bag. Pinch-runner Adam Sidebottom (Buffalo/Starpoint) advanced to third on a passed ball. Following a groundout and an intentional walk, Ensel lined out to medium center field and Sidebottom easily beat the throw home to end the game.

In the opener, senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBI. Senior Jason Chyr (Vernon/V-V-S), who entered the game in the fourth inning, earned the win after allowing only one hit and one walk in four and two-thirds scoreless innings. He struck out three.

Brockport loaded the bases with one out in both the first and second innings versus Cortland starter Jon Rockfeld (Islip Terrace/East Islip) but was unable to score each time. The Golden Eagles also had runners on first and second with one out in the fourth. Chyr entered the game and got the next hitter to line into a double play, and he did not allow a hit until a two-out single in the eighth.

Mead’s two-run homer gave Cortland a 2-0 lead in the third. Maycock reached on a two-base error in the fourth and eventually scored from third on a Mike Rosenberry (Clarence) groundout. The Red Dragons knocked out Brockport starter Jeff Miterko (Webster) in the fifth. With one out, the Red Dragons strung together a hit batters, a walk, RBI singles by Mead and senior Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and a Maycock two-run single to take a 7-0 lead.

Brockport broke through in the ninth against Cortland freshman Michael Irving (Henrietta/Rush-Henrietta). With two outs and no one on, Matt Beach (Albion) singled. Tom Weiner (Maybrook/Valley) walked and Jim Debay (Rochester/Greece Athena) singled to load the bases. Wilson followed with a two-run single to left and Anthony Shallo (Hopewell Junction/Arlington) hit a three-run homer to left to draw the Golden Eagles within 7-5. Jeff Schwegler (Niagara Falls/North Tonawanda) then doubled to bring the tying run to the plate. Cortland senior Nick McPartland (Beacon) entered at that point and struck out the lone batter he faced to end the game and earn his second save of the season.

Jim Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and Piovesan each finished with two hits for Cortland. Wilson and Schwegler had two hits apiece for Brockport. 

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Brockport: Jeff Miterko (L, 1-1), Casey Scott (5) and Jeff Schwegler
Cortland: Jon Rockfeld, Jason Chyr (4) (W, 1-0), Michael Irving (9), Nick McPartland (9) (Save, 2) and Mike Zaccardo, Erik Johnson (8)

HR – Andrew Mead (C), Anthony Shallo (B)
2B – Ricky Piovesan (C), Tim Wilson (B), Jeff Schwegler (B)

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Brockport: Jake Dennstedt (L, 1-1) and Jeff Schwegler (Golden Eagles: 6-9, 0-2 SUNYAC)
Cortland: Jimmy Dougher (W, 4-0) and Shawn Ensel (Red Dragons: 15-3, 2-0 SUNYAC; ranked 4th in Div. III)

HR – Will Groff (C)
2B – Kyle Holmes (B)