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SUNY Cortland Baseball
Cortland vs. Eastern Connecticut State
NCAA Division III Regional
Saturday, May 20, 2006; Falcon Park; Auburn, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Eastern Connecticut St. 9, Cortland 5

AUBURN, N.Y. – Matt Cooney hit a solo homer to break a 5-5 tie in the sixth and Randy Re smacked a three-run homer in the eighth as 24th-ranked and fourth-seeded Eastern Connecticut State defeated third-ranked and top-seeded Cortland, 9-5, to force a final game of the NCAA Division III baseball regional at Falcon Park. The two teams will meet in the championship game Sunday at noon, with the winner advancing to the Division III World Series in Wisconsin.

Five Eastern pitchers combined to limit Cortland to six hits. Sam Iverson, the Warriors' third pitcher, earned the win with two and two-third innings of two-hit relief. He walked one, struck out three and allowed one run. Justin Davis pitched the final one and one-third innings for his second save of the season. He entered the game with runners on second and third and one out in the top of the eighth with Eastern holding on to a 6-5 lead. On the first batter he faced, he fielded a slow grounder and threw out a runner at the plate. He then induced a groundout to third to end the inning.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-out RBI triple by senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker). Mead tried to score on the play when the relay throw got past the third baseman but was thrown out at the plate. Mead finished 2-for-3. The Warriors scored twice in the bottom of the inning on a two-run single by Chris DeSantis.

The Red Dragons tied the game at 5-5 with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Sophomore Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) led off with a walk and eventually scored on an RBI groundout by junior Travis Robinson (Ilion). Junior Mike Rosenberry (Clarence) walked with two outs in the sixth and scored from first on junior Shawn Ensel's (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa) double down the left field line.

Cooney, who finished 3-for-4, homered over the left-center field fence with one out in the sixth. In the eighth, Jason LaVorgna walked with two outs, Eric O'Toole singled and Re homered off Chris Bilyk (Ithaca). Bilyk allowed three hits and three walks while fanning five in four innings to suffer the loss in relief of Cortland starter Mike Zgorzelski (Troy/Shaker).

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Cortland: Mike Zgorzelski, Chris Bilyk (5) (L, 5-3) and Shawn Ensel (Red Dragons: 39-8, ranked 3rd in Div. III)
E. Conn. St.: Joe Esposito, Mike Tingley (3), Sam Iverson (5) (W, 3-1), Matt Cremins (8), Justin Davis (8) (Save, 2) and Matt Cooney (Warriors: 34-18, ranked 24th in Div. III)

HR – Mike Zaccardo (C), Randy Re (EC), Matt Cooney (EC)
3B – Andrew Mead (C)
2B – Joey Russo (C), Shawn Ensel (C), Randy Re (EC)