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Former SUNY Cortland baseball player Cory Haggerty (Ilion) played in his first major league spring training game for the Chicago White Sox on Thursday, March 30, against the Colorado Rockies in Tucson, Ariz.

An infielder in Chicago’s minor league system, Haggerty entered the game as a pinch-runner for starting third baseman Joe Crede in the fourth inning. He was thrown out trying to score from second base, then stayed in to play the rest of the game at third base and eventually went 1-for-2 at the plate in a 3-3 tie. He singled off of 10th-year veteran Mike DeJean in his first at-bat.

The only downside for Haggerty was that his name was badly misspelled as Haeger in the box score.

Haggerty was drafted by the White Sox in the 18th round of the 2003 draft and enters his fourth season in their farm system this year. He played on both the Class A and AA levels last year, and is expected to start this season with the Birmingham Barons at the AA level.

Haggerty played at Cortland from 2000-03. He had a career .335 batting average in 163 games played and helped the Red Dragons qualify for the NCAA Division III World Series in both 2000 and 2001.

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