SUNY Cortland Baseball

vs. Ithaca College
Wednesday, April 19, 2006; Wallace Field; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 10, Ithaca 4

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Will Groff (Queensbury) went 3-for-4 with a homer and four RBI and junior Mike Zgorzelski (Troy/Shaker) pitched six and two-third scoreless innings for his third win of the year as Cortland, ranked third nationally in Division III, defeated 24th-ranked Ithaca, 10-4, in a non-league matchup.

Groff hit a two-run single in the fourth, a solo homer in the sixth and an RBI single in the seventh for the Red Dragons (26-5), who led 10-0 after seven innings. Junior Dan Maycock (Utica/T.R. Proctor) finished 2-for-5 with two RBI and senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was 2-for-4.

Eric Maya (Rome/Rome Free Academy) was 2-for-3, Jeremy Peters (New Hartford/T.R. Proctor) went 2-for-4 with an RBI double and Drew Ash (Denville, NJ/Morris Knolls) hit his first collegiate home runs for Ithaca (20-7).

Ithaca threatened in the first, loading the bases without a hit by virtue of two hit batters and a walk. Zgorzelski, however, induced a double play grounder to end the threat. Cortland took the lead for good with four runs in the bottom of the second. Junior Travis Robinson (Ilion) singled through the left side and Mead reached on a bunt single. A walk to sophomore Mike Zaccardo (Irondequoit) loaded the bases. Junior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) hit into a double play to bring in a run. Senior Adam Sidebottom (Buffalo/Starpoint) then reached on an infield single to drive in Mead. An error and a hit batsman loaded the bases and Maycock followed with a two-run single to center.

Cortland added four more in the fourth. Tacelli hit a leadoff double and Sidebottom reached on an error, with Tacelli holding at second. Junior Mike Rosenberry’s (Clarence) bunt single loaded the bases and Groff singled through the left side to drive in two runs. An error on the play allowed the runners to move to second and third and, two batters later, senior Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) hit a two-run single to center. Groff plated Cortland’s final two runs with his homer and RBI single and improved his season batting average to .495.

Ithaca got on the board in the eighth when pinch-hitter Ash hit a line drive off the left field foul pole. Maya’s RBI single and Peters’ run-scoring double drove in runs in the ninth, with the final run scoring after a throwing error from the outfield.

Zgorzelski allowed five hits and four walks and struck out four to up his record to 3-1. Matt Lavoie (Providence, RI/Moses Brown) started for Ithaca and fell to 1-1 on the year. He allowed seven hits and eight runs, four earned, in three innings.

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Ithaca: Matt Lavoie (L, 1-1), Ryan Mays (4), Adam Brown (6), Brendan Conway (8) and Rob Raux, Drew Ash (8) (Bombers: 20-7, ranked 24th in Div. III)
Cortland: Mike Zgorzelski (W, 3-1), Nick McPartland (7), Justin Mattes (9) and Mike Zaccardo, Shawn Ensel (5) (Red Dragons: 26-5, ranked 3rd in Div. III)

HR – Will Groff (C), Drew Ash (I)
2B – Dan Maycock (C), Sean Caughhey (C), Zach Tacelli (C), Jeremy Peters (I)