SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. Montclair St. University
Saturday, March 25, 2006; Yogi Berra Stadium; Little Falls, N.J.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 7, Montclair St. 1

LITTLE FALLS, N.J. – Junior Will Groff (Queensbury) went 3-for-5 and sophomore Mike Zaccardo (Irondequoit) was 2-for-3 with three RBI as Cortland extended its winning streak to six games with a 7-1 win at Montclair State. The Red Dragons are now 11-3 and are ranked second in Division III. The host Red Hawks slip to 4-6-2.

Sophomore Chris Bilyk (Ithaca) struck out six, walked none and allowed just one hit in three scoreless innings of relief to improve his record to 2-1. Junior Jon Rockfeld (Ithaca) started and gave up three hits and one unearned run in four and one-third innings. He struck out three and walked five. He was pulled, however, with runners on first and second and one out in the fifth with Cortland leading 4-1. Sophomore Nick Baker (Millerton/Webutuck) walked the only batter he faced to load the bases, but Bilyk then came in and struck out the next two batters.

Cortland scored twice in the first. With two outs, senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) walked and stole second. Junior Travis Robinson (Ilion) then hit a grounder to first, but the pitcher covering on the play dropped the throw and Mead scored. Robinson then stole second and scored on senior Jim Basnight’s (East Norwich/St. Dominic) single to center.

Montclair picked up its lone run in the third when Brian Butler reached on a two-out error and scored on Andrew Vicaro’s (W, 2-1) double. Cortland came back, though, to score two runs in the fourth. Basnight walked and stole second, but was thrown out trying to score on a Ricky Piovesan (East Norwich/St. Dominic) single to center. Piovesan stole second, junior Dan Maycock (Utica/T.R. Proctor) was intentionally walked and sophomore Matt Vitalone (Rome/Rome Free Academy) singled to load the bases. Zaccardo followed with a two-run single to center.

In the sixth, senior Zach Tacelli (Latham/Shaker) led off with a single through the left side, moved to second on a groundout and scored on Zaccardo’s double to right center. Robinson singled to lead off the seventh, advanced to second on a groundout, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch. Cortland’s final run came in the eighth. Groff singled to right center and went to second on an error. He progressed to third on a Joey Russo (Inwood/Lawrence) single and scored on Mead’s sacrifice fly.

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Cortland: Jon Rockfeld, Nick Baker (5), Chris Bilyk (5) (W, 2-1), Brandon Olbrys (8), T.J. O’Leary (8), Nick McPartland (9) and Mike Zaccardo, Shawn Ensel (6) (Red Dragons: 11-3, ranked 2nd in Div. III)
Montclair St.: Michael Vicaro (L, 0-2), Enrique Gomez (4), William Traverso (6), Kevin Dalton (7), Chris Schindler (8), Ray Anderson (9) and Andrew Vicaro, Matt Hartwick (8) (Red Hawks: 4-6-2)

2B – Mike Zaccardo (C), Andrew Vicaro (M)