SUNY Cortland Baseball

SUNY Cortland vs. William Paterson University
Sunday, March 26, 2006; Pioneer Park; Wayne, N.J.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 7, William Paterson 5

WAYNE, N.J. – Senior Andrew Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) went 3-for-5 and junior Jimmy Dougher (Liverpool) improved his record to 3-0 as nationally second-ranked Cortland defeated William Paterson University, 7-5, for its seventh straight victory. The Red Dragons improved to 12-3 and earned their first victory in nine career meetings versus the Pioneers.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the first when Mead singled to left with two outs, stole second and scored on senior Ricky Piovesan’s (East Norwich/St. Dominic) RBI single to left. The hit extended Piovesan’s hitting streak to 14 games. Cortland failed to score in the second despite having the bases loaded with one out, but in the next frame Mead led off with a bunt single, moved to second on a wild pitch, advanced to third on a flyout and scored on senior Zach Tacelli’s (Latham/Shaker) infield single.

The lead grew to 3-0 in the sixth. Sophomore John Giametta Jr. (Marlboro) singled and freshman pinch-runner Ryan Benson (Selden/Centereach) stole second. Benson went to third on a groundout and scored on a squeeze bunt by junior Shawn Ensel (Clifton Park/Shenendehowa).

Dougher took a no-hitter into the fifth inning before allowing a leadoff single to Don Reinertsen. In the sixth inning, the Pioneers (8-4) got to Dougher for four hits, including a three-run double to right center by Ted King that tied the game and a Reinertsen RBI single down the left field line that gave the hosts the lead.

Cortland responded, however, with three runs in the top of the seventh to take the lead for good. An infield single by Travis Robinson (Ilion), along with a throwing error on the play, allowed two runs to score. Robinson went to third on the play and scored on a wild pitch. The Red Dragons tacked on a run in the eighth when senior Jim Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) tagged and scored on a fly ball hit to the second baseman by Piovesan.

William Paterson drew within 7-5 on Rick Pignatello’s two-out RBI double in eighth off Nick McPartland (Beacon). With the tying run on second, McPartland induced a groundout to third to end the inning. He also allowed two hits in the ninth, but recorded a strikeout and a groundout with the winning run at the plate to earn his first save of the season.

Dougher allowed six hits and four runs, all earned, in six and two-thirds innings. He fanned two and walked two. Junior Will Groff (Queensbury) was 2-for-4 to extend his hitting streak to 11 games and Basnight finished 2-for-5.

Ryan Lobban started for William Paterson and allowed nine hits and three runs in five and two-third innings. He struck out four batters and walked two. Tim Cowan suffered the loss in relief despite the fact that all three runs he allowed were unearned.

Pignatello finished 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI and King was 2-for-5 with his three-run double.

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Cortland: Jimmy Dougher (W, 3-0), Ryan Hooper (7), Nick McPartland (8) (Save, 1) and Shawn Ensel (Red Dragons: 12-3, ranked 2nd in Div. III)
William Paterson: Ryan Lobban, Tim Cowan (6) (L, 1-1), Steve Schlitzer (8) and Ryan Brand, Don Hays (8) (Pioneers: 8-4)

2B – Ted King (WP), Rick Pignatello (WP)