SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. Alfred University and SUNY Cortland vs. Coast Guard Academy

Sunday, March 9, 2003; Rebel Spring Games; Orlando, FL

FINAL SCORES: Cortland 7, Alfred 6 (8 innings); Cortland 7, Coast Guard 2

ORLANDO, FL. – Senior Julie Gentner (Williamsville/Williamsville South) singled in the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning as Cortland won its season opener 7-6 versus Alfred University at the Rebel Spring Games. Cortland followed that victory with a 7-2 win over Coast Guard Academy.

The top five hitters in Cortland’s lineup accounted for 13 hits in the win over Alfred. Senior Jonna Ball (Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson), freshman Jennifer Rockwell (Scotia) and junior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) each finished with three hits while Gentner and junior Lara Stone (Windsor) each had two hits.

Alfred grabbed a 2–0 lead in the first inning, but Cortland responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning, capped by RBI singles from Gentner and junior starting pitcher Lara Almansberger (Fairport). The lead grew to 4-2 in the third on an inside-the-park homer by Piacente that sailed over the centerfielder’s head in a bigger-than-normal field at the Osceola Complex.

Alfred plated four runs in the fourth with a rally that started with two outs and nobody on. Three singles were followed by a two-run triple from Rachel Porter and an RBI single by Andrea Crandall. Cortland scratched back to scored once in the fifth on sophomore pinch-hitter Erin Bock’s (East Hampton) RBI single and once in the sixth on a Ball triple and a Rockwell sacrifice fly.

In the eighth inning, the NCAA tiebreaker rule went into effect in which a runner is placed on second base to start the inning. Alfred’s runner advanced to third on an error, and the next batter hit a grounder to senior Megan Cross (Middletown/Minisink Valley) at third base. Cross threw out the batter, and Piacente fired home to catch Alfred’s runner trying to score. The next batter popped up to end the inning. In the bottom of the eighth, Ball started on second base. Rockwell reached on an infield single, with Ball staying at second. Gentner’s then singled into left-center to score Ball with the winning run.

Freshman Maria McFeely (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy Academy) earned the win in relief, allowing two hits and no runs and striking out three in three innings.

Against Coast Guard, Cortland trailed 2-0 after four innings before scoring six runs in the top of the fifth. Stone led off with a double and was safe at third on a fielder’s choice play. Freshman Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) followed with an RBI single and, two batters later, freshman pinch-hitter Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) drove in a run with a groundout. After a walk by Ball and a Rockwell single, Gentner hit a ball down the right-field line that she legged out for a three-run homer.

Rockwell accounted for Cortland’s final run in the top of the seventh when she singled in Bock, who led off with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. Bock finished 2-for-2, Stone was 2-for-3 and Rockwell went 2-for-4. Freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/ Marlboro) pitched a complete-game six-hitter, striking out six and walking three. Both runs that she allowed were unearned.

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Alfred (0-2)     200 400 00     6 10 4
Cortland (1-0)  301 011 01     7 17 2

Alfred: Brittany Curran (L) and Jaclyn Kreamer
Cortland: Lara Almansberger, Maria McFeely (6, W) and Jill Seymour, Keri Banta (7)

HR - Carin Piacente (C)
3B - Alicia DeAndrea (A), Rachel Porter (A), Jonna Ball (C)
2B - none

Cortland 7, Coast Guard 2

123 456 7     R  H  E
Cortland (2-0) 000 060 1     7 8 3
Coast Guard Academy (0-2) 000 200 0     2 6 0

Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W) and Keri Banta
Coast Guard: Jen Paulson (L) and Heidi Miller

HR - Julie Gentner (C)
3B - none
2B - Lara Stone (C)