SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Brockport vs. SUNY Cortland
Tuesday, April 15, 2003; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Brockport 6, Cortland 1
GAME 2: Cortland 1, Brockport 0

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Senior Kathy Riggs (Batavia/Elba Central) went 4-for-4 with three runs and senior Kristen Clark (Hilton) allowed two hits while striking out seven as Brockport won the opening game 6-1. In the second game, junior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) pitched a complete-game two-hit shutout to lead Cortland to a 1-0 victory.

In the opener, Cortland jumped on top, 1-0, in the bottom of the first inning on senior Julie Gentner’s (Williamsville/Williamsville South) RBI double, plating freshman Jennifer Rockwell (Scotia), who had walked. Brockport took the lead in the third with a two-out rally. Riggs doubled to left field and scored on a single by junior Nicole Florack (Rochester/Eastridge), who later stole home to put the Golden Eagles ahead 2-1.

Cortland threatened in the bottom half of the inning. Senior Jonna Ball (Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson) was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Rockwell reached on an infield single. After Gentner grounded out to advance the runners, junior Lara Stone (Windsor) reached on a fielder’s choice to load the bases with one out. Clark got out of the jam by retiring the next two batters on a strikeout and pop up.

After Brockport added a run in the fifth, the Golden Eagles scored three more times in the top of the seventh on a two-out bases clearing double by junior Lindsay Neuhaus (Tonawanda). Clark then posted two strikeouts in the bottom of the inning to seal the win.

In the nightcap, Cortland scored the only run of the game in the top of the second. Almansberger was hit by a pitch and came around to score on sophomore Keri Banta’s (Washingtonville) double to left center field. Brockport had runners on second and third with one out in the bottom half of the inning, but Almansberger retired the next two batters on a strikeout and a ground out. She then set down the next 13 batters until surrendering a one-out single in the sixth.

Clark also pitched the second game for the Golden Eagles, allowing just three hits in the complete-game loss. Riggs went 3-for-3 in the game, finishing the doubleheader 6-for-7 with three doubles.

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Kristen Clark (W, 8-3) and Kristin Whittaker; Maria McFeely, Stephanie Adamshick (2) (L, 7-2) and Jill Seymour
2B - Kathy Riggs (B) 3, Kim Comtois (B), Lindsay Neuhaus (B), Julie Gentner (C)

GAME 2: Cortland

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Lara Almansberger (W, 5-0) and Keri Banta; Kristen Clark (L, 8-4) and Kristin Whittaker
2B - Keri Banta (C)

Records after doubleheader:
Cortland (Red Dragons) 20-4, 6-2 SUNYAC (ranked 4th in Div. III)
Brockport (Golden Eagles) 12-5, 2-3 SUNYAC