SUNY Cortland Softball

Buffalo St. vs. SUNY Cortland
Friday, April 25, 2003; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 3, Buffalo St. 2
GAME 2: Cortland 6, Buffalo St. 0

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- The Cortland softball team, ranked fourth nationally in Division III, reached the 30-win plateau for the second year in a row after sweeping visiting Buffalo St., 3-2 and 6-0, Friday afternoon in SUNYAC action. Cortland's record now stands at 30-5-1 overall and 14-3-1 in conference play, while Buffalo St. fell to 23-11 and 12-6.

In the opener, freshman Jennifer Rockwell (Scotia) drove in the winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning, plating Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South), who had led off the inning with a single.

Cortland had taken a 1-0 lead in the third. Rockwell tripled with one out and scored on senior Julie Gentner's (Williamsville/Williamsville South) sacrifice fly. Buffalo St. took a 2-1 lead with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Sophomore Heidi Rammacher (Angola/Lakeshore) singled in a run in the fourth, and senior Stephanie Menth (Tonawanda) blasted a one-out homer in the fifth.

The Red Dragons tied the game in the sixth on freshman Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) pinch-hit RBI single, setting the drama for the bottom of the seventh and Rockwell’s heroics.

Junior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) earned the win for Cortland, raising her record to 11-0 on the season. Sophomore Elizabeth Beiter (N. Tonawanda) took the loss for the Bengals, dropping her record to 9-3.

In the nightcap, Cortland struck for three runs in the top of the third, highlighted by Gentner’s two-run home run, her seventh of the season. The red Dragons added three more runs in the seventh. Senior Jonna Ball (Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson) led off the inning with a double and scored on Gentner’s double. Junior Lara Stone (Windsor) and Loiacono added RBI singles.

Freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) picked up the win in relief of freshman Maria McFeely (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy Academy), who pitched the opening two innings.
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Elizabeth Beiter (L 9-3) and Lindsey Matheis; Lara Almansberger (W, 11-0) and Jill Seymour
HR - None
3B - Jonna Ball (C), Jennifer Rockwell (C)
2B - Jennifer Rockwell (C)

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Maria McFeely, Stephanie Adamshick (W, 10-3) (3) and Jill Seymour; Melissa Balsavage (L, 9-6) and Lindsey Matheis
HR - Julie Gentner (C)
3B - None
2B - Jonna Ball (C), Julie Gentner (C), Erin Bock (C), Tracy Urban (BS)

Records after doubleheader:
Cortland (Red Dragons) 30-5-1, 14-3-1 SUNYAC (ranked 4th in Div. III)
Buffalo St. (Bengals) 23-11, 12-6 SUNYAC