CORTLAND -- The Cortland softball team swept a doubleheader from SUNYAC foe Fredonia in two contrasting games, winning the first game 1-0 and taking the second game 22-11. With the wins, the Red Dragons improved to 32-5-1 overall and 16-3-1 in the SUNYAC, while Fredonia fell to 10-19 and 4-10.

In the opener, junior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) pitched a three-hitter in improving her record to 12-0 on the season. She struck out seven and walked only one batter. The lone run of the game came in the bottom of the third inning. Senior Megan Cross (Middletown/Minisink Valley) singled to lead off the inning and advanced to second on senior Jonna Ball’s (Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson) sacrifice bunt. After moving to third on a passed ball, Cross scored on gentner’s double to center field. That was the only run Almansberger needed as she held the Blue devil batters in check.

In the night cap, the teams combined for 31 hits, 10 walks and six errors in a wild game. Fredonia took a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the second on a bases loaded walk by senior Meghan Marshall (Rochester/Rush-Henrietta) and a grand slam by junior Heather Mercer (Horseheads). Cortland climbed back into the game with three runs in the third. Ball hit a solo homer with two outs and junior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas), who finished with a school-record 10 RBI in the game, delivered a two-run double.

Cross doubled in a run in the fourth, and Cortland claimed the lead with three runs in the fifth, highlighted by freshman Nicole Fredericks’ (West Babylon) two-run double. Fredonia tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a bases-loaded walk and passed ball, but Cortland went back ahead, 11-7, in the sixth. Piacente cleared the bases with a double and junior Lara Stone (Windsor) added an RBI single. The Blue Devils answered back with three runs to close to within 11-10, and that’s when Cortland blew the game open in the seventh with 11 runs. The big blow came on Piacente’s grand slam. Fredonia added a run in the bottom of the frame for the 22-11 final.

Almansberger picked up the win in relief of freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro).

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Nicole Whitwood (L) and Nikki Prentice; Lara Almansberger (W, 12-0) and Jill Seymour

HR - None  
3B - None  
2B - Julie Gentner (C), Erin Bock (C)

### GAME 2 -- CORTLAND 22, FREDONIA 11

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Lara Almansberger (W, 13-0) and Jill Seymour; Nicole Whitwood (L) and Nikki Prentice

HR - Jonna Ball (C), Carin Piacente (C), Heather Mercer (F)  
3B - None  
2B - Jennifer Rockwell (C), Carin Piacente (C) 2, Nicole Fredricks (C), Keri Banta (C), Megan Cross (C), Brianna Kusior (F), Nicole Whitwood (F)

**Records after doubleheader:**

Cortland (Red Dragons) 32-5-1, 16-3-1 SUNYAC (ranked 4th in Div. III)  
Fredonia (Blue Devils) 10-19, 4-10 SUNYAC