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SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. Mt. Union College and SUNY Cortland vs. Lake Forest College
Monday, March 10, 2003; Rebel Spring Games; Altamonte Springs, FL

FINAL SCORES: Cortland 4, Mt. Union 1; Cortland 4, Lake Forest 2

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL. – The SUNY Cortland softball team improved to 4-0 with two victories Monday at the Rebel Spring Games. The Red Dragons opened with a 4-1 win over Mount Union College of Ohio, followed by a 4-2 win over nationally second-ranked Lake Forest College of Illinois. Lake Forest was last year’s NCAA Division III runnerup.

Senior third baseman Megan Cross (Middletown/Minisink Valley) celebrated her 22nd birthday in style, homering in the win over Lake Forest and hitting two triples against Mount Union. She finished the day a combined 4-for-6 with four runs scored.

In the first contest, freshman Maria McFeely (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy Academy) pitched six scoreless innings for her second win of the season. She allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out two. Cortland scored twice in the bottom of the first inning on junior Lara Stone’s (Windsor) two-out RBI double, followed by a wild pitch that plated a run.

Cross tripled to right in the second inning and scored on an RBI single by senior Jonna Ball (Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson). Cross also tripled to left in the fourth and scored on Ball’s groundout to third. Mount Union scored its lone run in the top of the seventh when Zakiya Murphy led off with a double and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Julie Purvis.

In the game against Lake Forest, freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) improved her record to 2-0 with a complete-game win. She gave up eight hits and three walks and allowed two runs, one earned. The Red Dragons took a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Cross and Ball each singled to start the inning, and freshman Jennifer Rockwell (Scotia) bunted the runners into scoring position. Senior Julie Gentner (Williamsville/Williamsville South) followed with an RBI groundout to shortstop and junior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) singled to left to score Ball.

Cross homered over the 225-foot fence in centerfield to lead off the fifth inning to give Cortland a 3-0 lead. Lake Forest answered with a run in the bottom of the inning on Robyn Slater’s two-out RBI double, but the Red Dragons got the run back in the next inning when Piacente singled, advanced to second on a wild pitch, stole third and eventually scored on a fielder’s choice grounder by freshman Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South).

Lake Forest scored once in the sixth on an RBI single by Tina Koludrovic. That hit loaded the bases with two outs, but Adamshick escaped the jam when she got cleanup hitter Alissa Mildebrath to pop up to short. Adamshick also escaped a bases-loaded situation in the first inning and induced a lineout in the fifth to strand a runner at third.

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Cortland 4, Mt. Union 1

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Mt. Union: Jill Steiner (L), Julie Purvis (3), Ashley Ault (6) and Lauren Bausch
Cortland: Maria McFeely (W), Lara Almansberger (7) and Keri Banta

HR - none
3B - Megan Cross (C) 2
2B - Zakiya Murphy (MU), Julie Purvis (MU), Lara Stone (C)

Cortland 4, Lake Forest 2

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W) and Keri Banta, Jill Seymour (6)
Lake Forest: Nancy Findeisen (L), Ashley Closson (7) and Justeen Streich

HR - Megan Cross (C)
3B - none
2B - Robyn Slater (LF)