2003 NCAA Division III Softball Regional

Dragon Field; SUNY Cortland; Cortland, N.Y.

Game 2: King’s College vs. Ithaca College; Friday, May 9, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Ithaca 7, King’s 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Liz Yentema (Randolph, NJ) went 2-for-3, including her first career home run, and drove in two runs as Ithaca College defeated King’s College (Pa.) 7-3 in the NCAA Division III regional at Cortland. The Bombers (29-9), the defending national champion, will face Union College on Friday in the final game of the first day of action. King’s (25-9) will play in a loser’s bracket game at noon Saturday versus an opponent to be determined.

Senior Abby Hanrahan (Forest Park, IL/Trinity) scattered seven hits over seven innings for the win. She is now 17-5 on the season. She struck out seven and walked five. Sophomore Sarah Genewski (Palmerton, PA) fell to 13-7 with the loss for King’s. She gave up nine hits and seven runs, four earned. She struck out three and walked one.

King’s jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two and one-half innings before the Bombers rallied for the win. The Lady Monarchs scored in the first when junior Linda Manarchuck (Eynon, PA/Valley View) reached on a bunt single, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and scored on an error when the first baseman couldn’t handle a throw from the third baseman on a grounder. In the third inning, King’s loaded the bases on a walk, a fielder’s choice, a single by junior Maria Zangardi (Pittston Township, PA/Seton Catholic) and an infield single by sophomore Stacey Preambo (Jessup, PA/Valley View). With two outs, sophomore Sarah Genewski (Palmerton, PA) walked to drive in a run, but a strikeout ended the inning.

Ithaca took the lead with three runs in the bottom of the third. The first two batters reached on errors to put runners on first and third, and a stolen base gave the Bombers runners on second and third. King’s third error of the inning – a throwing error by the third baseman – allowed a run to score. Yentema drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to right field and freshman Leigh Bonkowski (Mystic, CT/The Williams School) plated another run with an infield single.

Zangardi singled in a run in the top of the fourth to tie the game at 3-3, but Ithaca responded in the bottom of the inning on freshman Kaitlyn Dulac’s (East Greenwich, RI/Bay View) RBI single up the middle to score junior Kerri Barber (South Glastonbury, CT/Tabor Academy), who led off with an infield single and was sacrificed to second. The Bombers scored twice in the fifth to take a 6-3 lead. Yentema hit a solo homer to right with one out and, later in the inning, Barber singled in a run. In the sixth, senior Kimberly Stephens (Mansfield Center, CT/E.O. Smith) finished the scoring with an RBI single up the middle.

Zangardi was 2-for-4 with an RBI for King’s. Bonkowski and Barber were each 2-for-3 with an RBI for Ithaca.

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King’s (25-9): Sarah Genewski (L, 13-7) and Kim Ball, Kristin Brady (6)
Ithaca (29-9): Abby Hanrahan (W, 17-5) and Kerri Barber, Maddie Kraemer (6)

2B - Sarah Genewski (K)
3B - none
HR - Liz Yentema (IC)