CORTLAND, N.Y. – Julie Gawronski (Dunkirk) went 3-for-4 with a homer and double as Union College defeated Elms College, 8-0, in an elimination game of the NCAA Division III softball regional at Cortland. The Dutchwomen (24-6) will play again on Saturday against either William Paterson or King’s College at 4 p.m. The Blazers have their season end with a 28-7 record. Both schools are making their first-ever NCAA tournament appearances.

Jackie Coffey (Boston, MA/Boston Latin) improved to 10-0 for the Dutchwomen, allowing five hits and one walk in seven innings. She struck out six. Union raced out early, scoring four runs in the first inning against Elms starter Janelle Charette (Attleboro, MA). An Erika Eisenhut (Mohawk) single and a Gawronski double put runners on second and third with one out. A dropped pop-up loaded the bases and Stephanie Rubino (Port Chester/Hold Child) walked to drive in a run. Alicia Gifford (Schenectady/Guilderland) singled through the right side to score two runs and a Caitlin DelZotto (Altamont/Guilderland) ground out to second plated the final run.

The Dutchwomen added a run in the second on a two-out RBI single to center by Jill Ring (Brewster, MA/Nauset Regional). They added a run in the fifth on a Katey Ratner (Smithtown) RBI triple and another in the sixth on Gawronski’s solo homer to right. The final run came in the seventh. Pinch-hitter Karyn Rautenberg (Boston, MA/Boston Latin) doubled with one out and Lauren LaFontaine (New Hartford), also pinch-hitting, singled to center to drive her in.

Elms’ best rally came in the bottom of the fifth. Back-to-back singles by Jamie Parslow (Pownal, VT/Mt. Anthony Union) and Tina Fontaine (Granby, MA) put runners on first and second with one out, but Coffey got out of the jam with a strikeout and fly out.

Ratner finished 2-for-3 with an RBI, Gifford was 2-for-4 with two RBI and Abby Arceneaux (Mechanicville) went 2-for-4 for Union.

Charette gave up eight hits and five runs, three earned, for Elms. Kristi Guzzo (Springfield, MA/Cathedral) gave up six hits and three runs over the final three innings.

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Elms (28-7): Janelle Charette (L, 12-3), Kristie Guzzo (S) and Kristin Tassey

2B - Julie Gawronski (U), Karyn Rautenberg (U)
3B - Katey Ratner (U)
HR - Julie Gawronski (U)