2003 NCAA Division III Softball Regional

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

Game 8: Union College vs. William Paterson Univ.; Saturday, May 10, 2003

FINAL SCORE: Union 3, William Paterson 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Union freshman Abby Arceneaux (Mechanicville) allowed four hits and no earned runs in pitching a complete game 3-1 victory over William Paterson in an elimination game at the NCAA Division III regional hosted by SUNY Cortland. The second-seeded Dutchwomen improved to 25-6 on the season and move on to face Ithaca Sunday at noon, with the winner advancing to meet top-seeded Cortland in the championship round at 2 p.m. William Paterson, the fourth seed, ended its season with a 28-12-1 mark.

Union took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Freshman Erika Eisenhut (Mohawk) singled to center field with one out and scored on senior Jill Ring’s (Brewster, MA/Nauset Regional) two-out double down the left field line. The Dutchwomen added single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to build a 3-0 lead.

In the top of the fifth, freshman Beth Carcone (Utica/New Hartford) reached second base when the William Paterson pitcher misplayed her pop up. With one out, Arceneaux reached on another Pioneer miscue, moving Carcone to third. Eisenhut followed with her second hit of the day plating Carcone. In the sixth, sophomore pinch hitter Karyn Rautenberg (Boston, MA/Boston Latin) delivered a sacrifice fly with one out.

William Paterson staged a comeback attempt in the bottom of the seventh. Freshman Alexis Sous (Little Falls, NJ/Passaic Valley) led the inning off with a pinch-hit walk, and sophomore Meghan Wagner (Pompton Lakes, NJ) entered the game as a pinch runner. Freshman Lindsey Santana (Saddle Brook, NJ) pinch hit and beat out an infield single to the shortstop, who threw the ball away allowing Wagner to move to third. Senior Pam Migliaccio (Rockaway, NJ/Morris Hills) was then called out for stepping on the plate during a swing. Then with freshman leadoff hitter Maria Browne (Park Ridge, NJ) at the plate with two outs, the runners broke from their bases. Gifford threw down to shortstop Carcone, who chased down Santana and tagged her out just after Wagner crossed the plate to end the game.

Arceneaux improved to 13-3 with the win. William Paterson freshman Jennifer Scott (Mount Ephraim, NJ/Bishop Eustace) allowed two runs, one earned, in four and two-thirds innings and fell to 8-5 on the year. Senior Diane Catalano (Sayreville, NJ) pitched two and a third innings in relief, giving up one run.

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Union (25-6): Abby Arceneaux (W, 13-3) and Alicia Gifford
William Paterson (28-12-1): Jennifer Scott (L, 8-5), Diane Catalano (5) and Morgan Dunlap

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Jill Ring (U), Alicia Gifford (U)