SUNY Cortland Softball

Doubleheader vs. SUNY Plattsburgh; PSU Softball Field; Plattsburgh, N.Y.
Monday, April 21, 2003

GAME 1: Cortland 2, Plattsburgh 1
GAME 2: Cortland 2, Plattsburgh 2 (tie) (called in 8th inning)

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. – Junior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) tossed a three-hitter as nationally fourth-ranked Cortland defeated SUNY Plattsburgh 2-1 in the opening game of a SUNYAC doubleheader. The second game, which was played in a steady rain, finished in a 2-2 tie when the game was called in the top of the eighth inning due to worsening field conditions. Cortland is now 27-4-1 overall and 11-2-1 in league play. The Cardinals are 12-14-1 and 6-3-1.

Almansberger struck out three and walked two as she improved her record to 9-0. Her string of scoreless innings ended at 27 and one-third when Plattsburgh took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Tracy Mitchell led off with a double and April Barbour followed with an RBI single.

Cortland tied the game in the fourth when Jennifer Rockwell (Scotia) walked, went to second on a Julie Gentner (Williamsville/Williamsville South) sacrifice bunt and scored on a Lara Stone (Windsor) RBI single. The Red Dragons grabbed the lead in the fifth. Erin Bock (East Hampton) doubled to left and pinch-runner Michelle Ringle (Brentwood) advanced to third on a passed ball. Pinch-hitter Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) singled to drive in the go-ahead run. The Red Dragons had a chance to do further damage in the inning but left the bases loaded. Plattsburgh had runners on first and second with one out in the fourth and a runner on second with two outs in the fifth but couldn’t score. Almansberger retired the final eight batters.

Gentner singled up the middle in the first inning for her 205th career hit at Cortland, tying the school record originally set by June Maloney (1995-98). Gentner was held hitless in the second game.

Cortland took a 2-0 lead in the nightcap with runs in the first and second innings. Rockwell doubled with one out in the bottom of the first. Gentner was intentionally walked and, one out later, Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) walked to load the bases. Bock singled to right to drive in Rockwell. A groundout ended the inning. In the second, Megan Cross (Middletown/Minisink Valley) reached on a one-out error, went to second on a groundout and scored when Rockwell reached on a three-base error by Plattsburgh’s right fielder.

Plattsburgh got a run back in the third. Kelly Bazinet singled with one out and moved to third with two outs on a Jamie Prudhomme single. Prudhomme then intentionally got caught in a rundown, and Bazinet scored before Prudhomme could be tagged out. The Cardinals tied the game on a leadoff homer to center by Barbour in the top of the seventh. In the bottom of the inning, Stone was hit by a pitch with one out and moved to second on a groundout before being stranded. In the top of the eighth, Plattsburgh put runners on second and third with one out, but the game was called at that point and declared a tie.

Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) pitched seven and one-third innings, allowing three hits and two runs. She struck out eight and walked two. After walking the first batter, Adamshick struck out six straight batters. Plattsburgh’s Erika Clark allowed four hits and two runs, one earned, in seven innings. She fanned four and walked two.

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Cortland: Lara Almansberger (W, 9-0) and Jill Seymour
Plattsburgh: Tracy Mitchell (L) and Carrie Clement

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Erin Bock (C), Tracy Mitchell (P)

GAME 2: Cortland 2, Plattsburgh 2 (tie)

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(game called with one out, two on in the top of the 8th)

Plattsburgh (12-14-1, 6-3-1 SUNYAC): Erika Clark and Carrie Clement
Cortland (27-4-1, 11-2-1 SUNYAC): Stephanie Adamshick and Jill Seymour, Keri Banta (4)

HR - April Barbour (P)
3B - none
2B - Jonna Ball (C), Jennifer Rockwell (C)