SUNY Cortland Softball
SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Potsdam
Sunday, April 13, 2003; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 13, Potsdam 1 (5 innings)
GAME 2: Cortland 5, Potsdam 2

CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Senior Julie Gentner (Williamsville/Williamsville South) hit a two-run homer in the top of the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and nationally fourth-ranked Cortland went on to defeat visiting Potsdam 5-2 in the second game of a SUNYAC doubleheader. Gentner also went 3-for-3 with two home runs and three RBI in the Red Dragons’ 13-1 win in the opener. Cortland is now 19-3 overall and 5-1 in league play. Potsdam is 1-14 overall, 1-2 in the conference.

Potsdam made a strong bid for the upset in the second game, taking a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second on a two-run double to left center by Katie Lemery (Hudson Falls). Lemery finished 2-for-3. The lead held until the Red Dragons rallied to tie the game in the top of the sixth. Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) led off with a walk and moved to second on a Lara Almansberger (Fairport) sacrifice bunt. Piacente moved up to third on a groundout and scored the tying run on a wild pitch.

In the seventh, Jonna Ball ( Peekskill/Hendrick Hudson) led off with a double down the left field line and, one out later, moved to third on a wild pitch. Gentner gave Cortland the lead with a homer to left-center. The Red Dragons added another run later in the inning on a wild pitch.

Freshman Maria McFeely (Hamburg/Mt. Mercy Academy) earned the win in relief of Almansberger. McFeely entered the game with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the fifth and struck out two batters to escape the jam. She allowed no hits and one walk while fanning three in two and two-third innings to improve her record to 8-2. Almansberger gave up six hits and two runs, one earned, in four and one-third innings. She struck out five batters and walked just one. Potsdam starter Melissa Frechette (Pulaski) allowed five hits and five runs, four earned, in seven innings, but got herself into trouble with 10 walks and 10 wild pitches.

In the opener, Cortland scored seven runs in the bottom of the first and four in the second to take an 11-1 lead. Gentner hit a two-run homer and Ball singled in two runs to highlight the first inning outburst. Gentner and Lara Stone (Windsor) led off the second with back-to-back homers and Megan Cross (Middletown/Minisink Valley) added a two-run single. Stone finished 2-for-3.

Cortland's other runs came on a two-run triple by Erin Bock (East Hampton) in the fourth. Potsdam's lone run came in the top of the second when Rian Rebideau (Ellenburg Depot/N. Adirondack) hit a home run that just curled inside the left field foul pole. The game was called after the top of the fifth due to the eight-run rule.

Freshman Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) improved to 7-1 with the win. She gave up two hits and one run in five innings. She struck out six and walked four. Kari Brady (Heuvelton/Heuvelton Central) allowed 12 hits and 13 runs, eight earned, in four innings for Potsdam. She registered three strikeouts and three walks.

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Potsdam: Kari Brady (L) and Jessica Watkins
Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 7-1) and Jill Seymour

HR - Julie Gentner (C) 2, Lara Stone (C), Rian Rebideau (P)
3B - Erin Bock (C)
2B - none

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Cortland (19-3, 5-1 SUNYAC): Lara Almansberger, Maria McFeely (5, W 8-2) and Keri Banta, Jill Seymour (5)
Potsdam (1-14, 1-2 SUNYAC): Melissa Frechette (L) and Erica Lussier

HR - Julie Gentner (C)
3B - Erica Lussier (P)
2B - Jonna Ball (C), Katie Lemery (P)