SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Brockport (Doubleheader)
Wednesday, March 31, 2004; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 8, Brockport 0 (6 inn.)
GAME 2: Cortland 13, Brockport 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior shortstop Lara Stone (Windsor) hit a school single-game record three home runs as Cortland, ranked ninth nationally in Division III, completed a home sweep versus Brockport with a 13-3 victory. The Red Dragons (13-3, 2-0 SUNYAC) won the opener, 8-0. Brockport falls to 3-10 overall and 0-2 in the SUNYAC.

Stone hit three two-run roundtrippers and finished 3-for-4 with six RBI. Her homer in the top of the first gave the Red Dragons a 2-0 lead. Her second four-bagger erased a 3-2 Brockport lead to give Cortland a 4-3 advantage in the fifth. She homered again in the top of the sixth as part of a four-run inning. She has five home runs this season and is now second on Cortland's career homer chart with 20. Senior first baseman Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) has 22 career homers, with her first of the season coming in the opening game of the doubleheader.

In the second game, Brockport scored once in the second when freshman Ashley Summers (Williamsville) led off with a double and came around on an RBI single by junior Laura Laramie (Queensbury). Laramie finished 3-for-3. The Golden Eagles took a 3-2 lead in the fourth. With two outs and runners on first and second, freshman Brittany Schnautz (Elmira/Notre Dame) singled into left field. One run scored on the hit, with another run coming in on the play when Cortland's catcher couldn't handle the throw from the outfield.

Cortland's four-run sixth was highlighted by sophomore Jen Rockwell's (Scotia) two-run double and Stone's two-run homer to center. Rockwell finished 3-for-4 with two RBI. The Red Dragons added five more runs in the top of the seventh on a Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) triple, an RBI single by junior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City), pinch-hitter Amber Ortolano's (Tonawanda/Kenmore West) three-run double to center and senior Pip Colombo's (Williamsville/Williamsville North) RBI single. Colombo was 3-for-5.

Senior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) earned the win, allowing seven hits and three runs, two earned, in four innings. Freshman Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) entered the game in the bottom of the fifth with Cortland holding on to a 4-3 lead and earned her second save of the season. In three innings she allowed just one hit, no runs and no walks and struck out five. Katie Schweinfurth (Brockport) went 2-for-3 for the Golden Eagles. Freshman Jodie Shaw (Queensbury) suffered the loss, allowing 11 runs, seven earned, in six and two-thirds innings.

In the opener, Cortland sophomore Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/ Marlboro) improved her record to 8-0 with a two-hit shutout, striking out five and walking one. The game was called in the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule. Adamshick took a no-hitter into the fifth inning before allowing a bunt single to sophomore Maggie Getter (Huntington). The Golden Eagles’ other hit in the game was an infield single by Kristin Whittaker (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) with two outs in the sixth.

The Red Dragons scored once in the first. Rockwell drew a one-out walk and Stone singled to left. The outfielder misplayed the ball and Rockwell scored on the play. Cortland added another unearned run in the fourth. Colombo reached on a throwing error by Brockport's third baseman and advanced to second to start the inning. She moved to third on a groundout and scored on sophomore Kaylin VanDusen's (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) infield single.

Cortland added three in the fifth on Rockwell's RBI single and Piacente's two-run homer to center. Three more runs came in to end the game in the sixth. Pinch-hitter Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) tripled in a run and scored on a Rockwell RBI single. A walk and a groundout moved Rockwell to third, and a wild pickup throw to third by Brockport's catcher allowed the winning run to score. Rockwell and Huson were each 2-for-3 for the Red Dragons. Lindsay Adamy (Lancaster) suffered the loss for Brockport after giving up six hits and four runs, two earned, in four innings.
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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 8-0) and Jill Seymour

HR - Carin Piacente (C)
3B - Dominique Talbot (C)
2B - Kim Huson (C), Nicole Fredericks (C)

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Cortland: Lara Almansberger (W, 3-1), Ang D'Amboise (5) (Save, 2) and Jill Seymour, Blythe Beecher (7)
Brockport: Jodie Shaw (L, 1-4), Heather Groves (7) and Kristin Whittaker

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