SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. Buffalo State (Doubleheader)
Friday, April 16, 2004; Buffalo State Field; Buffalo, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 3, Buffalo St. 2
GAME 2: Cortland 9, Buffalo St. 4

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked seventh in Division III, extended its winning streak to 14 games with 3-2 and 9-4 victories at Buffalo State. The Red Dragons are now 25-3 overall and 12-0 in SUNYAC play.

With the win in the first game, Red Dragon head coach Julie Lenhart became the 17th person in Division III history to reach 400 career wins. She now has a combined 401-217-1 record in 10 years at Cortland and five seasons at Wisconsin-Platteville (1990-94).

In the opener, senior Lara Stone (Windsor) led off the top of the fourth with a solo homer, her seventh roundtripper of the season, to give Cortland a 1-0 lead. She also singled in a run in the fifth and finished 2-for-3 with two RBI. Sophomore Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) scattered seven hits, struck out seven and walked three to earn the win. She is now 14-0 in 14 starts, all complete games.

Following Stone’s homer in the fourth, senior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) doubled and moved to third on a flyout. Piacente finished the game 3-for-3. Junior Erin Bock (East Hampton) then singled and went to second on the play, with Piacente holding at third. Sophomore Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) followed with a grounder to second. Piacente was thrown out at home and Bock moved to third. On the play, Fredericks kept running to second and Buffalo State’s catcher started moving out toward the middle of the infield. With home plate vacated on the play, Bock took off from third and the catcher committed an error while trying to back-pedal and make a play on Bock.

Cortland extended its lead to 3-0 in the fifth. Sophomore Jen Rockwell (Scotia) tripled with two outs and scored on Stone’s RBI single. Buffalo State put two runs on the board in the bottom of the fifth. Nadine Sirianni led off with a solo homer. Heidi Rammacher walked and scored on an RBI double by Lindsey Matheis. Matheis went to third on the throw, but was stranded there as the potential tying run as the next three batters were retired by Adamshick on a strikeout, a popup and a groundout.

In the second game, Buffalo State took a 2-0 lead with two unearned runs in the top of the second off senior Lara Almansberger (Fairport). A two-out error allowed a run to score, with the second run coming in on Rammacher's RBI double. The Red Dragons, though, answered with six runs in the bottom of the second. Freshman Megan Dore (Staatsburg/FDR) singled in a run and junior Kim Huson (Binghampton/Johnson City) walked with the bases loaded. Rockwell followed with the big hit of the inning – a triple with the bases loaded to drive in three runs. Stone singled in Rockwell to complete the rally.

In the fifth, junior Keri Banta (Washingtonville) and sophomore Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) hit back-to-back RBI singles. An error after Loiacono’s single allowed another run to score. The Red Dragons had the bases loaded later in the inning needing only one more run to force the eight-run mercy rule, but a popup ended the threat. Buffalo State scored twice in the sixth on a two-run single by Nicole Willats.

Senior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) started for the Red Dragons and allowed two unearned runs and four hits in three innings. She did not, however, pitch the four innings necessary to earn the victory. Freshman Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) tossed the final four innings for the win and is now 5-2. She gave up three hits and a walk, allowed two runs and struck out three. Dore and Banta each finished 2-for-4 with an RBI for Cortland. Sirianni was 2-for-4 for the Bengals.

Cortland will play a doubleheader at Fredonia on Saturday at 1

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Buffalo St.: Liz Beiter (L, 8-2) and Lindsey Matheis

HR - Lara Stone (C), Nadine Sirianni (B)
3B - Jen Rockwell (C)
2B - Carin Piacente (C), Laurie Hutten (B), Lindsey Matheis (B)

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Cortland: Lara Almansberger, Ang D'Amboise (4) (W, 5-2) and Keri Banta (Red Dragons: 25-3, 12-0 SUNYAC, ranked 7th in Div. III)
Buffalo St.: Melissa Balsavage (L, 2-2), Kristen Scheffold (2) and Lindsey Matheis (Bengals: 12-10, 6-4 SUNYAC)

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