SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY New Paltz (Doubleheader)
Wednesday, April 22, 2004; SUNY New Paltz; New Paltz, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 8, New Paltz 0 (5 inn.)
GAME 2: Cortland 8, New Paltz 0 (5 inn.)

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. – Cortland clinched the SUNYAC regular-season title and earned the right to host the league post-season tournament April 29 - May 1 after posting a pair of 8-0 victories at New Paltz. The Red Dragons are 17-1 in league play with two league games remaining. Every other team in the league has at least four losses. New Paltz is 5-25-1 and 1-13 in league action.

Cortland, ranked seventh nationally in Division II, improved its overall record to 30-4 with the sweep. The Red Dragons have now reached the 30 win mark five times in school history, including each of the last three seasons.

Both games were called after five innings due to the eight-run rule. Sophomore Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) tossed a one-hitter with five strikeouts and one walk in the opener and is now 17-0. New Paltz's lone hit was an infield single by Jen Born with one out in the fourth. Junior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, sophomore Jen Rockwell (Scotia) went 2-for-3 with an RBI and sophomore Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) went 1-for-2 with a double and two RBI for the Red Dragons.

Cortland scored once in the first when Huson singled, went to second on a sacrifice bunt, moved to third on Lara Stone's (Windsor) single and scored on Carin Piacente's (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) groundout. Huson led off the third with a single, stole second, advanced to third on a Rockwell single and scored on a wild pitch. Senior Pip Colombo (Williamsville/Williamsville North) plated another run in the inning on a sacrifice fly.

Huson also started a rally in the third with a two-out bunt single. She stole second and scored on Rockwell's single to right. Cortland put the game away with four runs in the fifth. Fredericks doubled in two runs, followed by Jill Seymour (Conklin/Susquehanna Valley) RBI double and a Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) RBI single.

In the second game, senior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) improved to 7-2 with the win. She gave up two hits and struck out one in four innings. Freshman Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) allowed one hit and struck out one batter in the fifth inning. Junior Keri Banta (Washingtonville) finished 2-for-3 with an RBI. Colombo was 1-for-2 with a double and an RBI, Rockwell went 1-for-2 with a double and Huson reached base three times on a hit and two walks in three plate appearances. Huson stole two bases in the game and her four in the doubleheader gives her 16 for the season.

New Paltz rallied in the first against Almansberger but couldn't score. Jessica Schropfer led off with a single but was picked off first by Banta. Valerie Blackman reached on an error and moved to second on a groundout. Liz McPartlan's singled pushed Blackman to third, but Almansberger got the next hitter to ground to first.

Cortland then responded with four runs in the bottom of the first. Huson walked, stole second and scored on Rockwell’s double to left. Rockwell moved to third on a groundout. Piacente reached on an error and stole second, and Colombo doubled to left to drive in both runners. Colombo came around to score on a pair of passed balls.

Huson was again the catalyst in the second as she drew a leadoff walk and stole second. Rockwell walked and Stone reached on a fielder's choice, with Rockwell safe at second on an error. Piacente drove in Huson with a sacrifice fly to left. Huson's RBI single in the third and an error on a ball hit by Rockwell brought in two runs in the third. Banta's two-out RBI single scored Cortland's final run in the fourth.
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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 17-0) and Jill Seymour
New Paltz: Laura Thomas (L, 4-13) and Danielle Zakrzewski

2B - Nicole Fredericks (C), Jill Seymour (C)

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Cortland: Lara Almansberger (W, 7-2), Ang D'Amboise (5) and Keri Banta (Red Dragons: 30-4, 17-1 SUNYAC; ranked 7th in Div. III)
New Paltz: Carrie Briscoe (L, 1-12) and Colleen Powers (Hawks: 5-25-1, 1-13 SUNYAC)

2B - Jen Rockwell (C), Pip Colombo (C)