SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. Ohio Wesleyan University; SUNY Cortland vs. Swarthmore College
Friday, March 12, 2004; Rebel Spring Games; Kissimmee, Fla.

FINAL SCORES: Cortland 5, Ohio Wesleyan 1; Cortland 4, Swarthmore 3

KISSIMMEE, FLA. – Senior shortstop Lara Stone (Windsor) belted a solo homer with one out in the bottom of the seventh to give Cortland a 4-3 win over Swarthmore College at the Rebel Spring Games. The victory, coupled with a 5-1 win over Ohio Wesleyan earlier in the day, allowed the Red Dragons to finish with an 8-2 record during their annual Florida trip.

Swarthmore scored twice in the top of the first inning. Christina Procacci singled in a run and Valerie Marone was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. The Garnet still had the bases loaded with none out, but a double play, with the runners on third and second being retired, and a groundout ended the inning.

Cortland answered with two runs in the bottom of the first. Sophomore Jen Rockwell (Scotia) singled with one out and moved to third on a Stone double. Senior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) followed with a two-run double to left.

Swarthmore regained the lead with a run in the fourth on a two-out bases-loaded walk by Danielle Miller. Cortland tied the game in the bottom of the inning. A dropped foul ball prolonged the at-bat of the Red Dragon leadoff hitters, senior Pip Colombo (Williamsville/Williamsville North). Colombo then doubled to left, advanced to third on a one-out single by sophomore Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) and scored on a wild pitch.

Freshman Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) earned the win in relief, allowing just one hit and no runs over three innings. She struck out two and walked none. Stone and VanDusen each finished 2-for-3 and Rockwell was 2-for-4.

In the first game of the day, sophomore Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) improved her record to 5-0 with a five-hitter against the Battling Bishops. She struck out seven and walked two.

Cortland's win avenged a loss to Ohio Wesleyan earlier in the week. The Red Dragons struck for two runs in the top of the first on a two-run single by Colombo. In the third, Piacente stole home as part of a double steal and junior Erin Bock (East Hampton) singled in a run to extend Cortland's lead to 4-0.

Ohio Wesleyan got a run back in the fourth as Janelle Dangler doubled with one out, moved to third on a groundout and scored on a single by Katie Figgie. Cortland's final run came in the top of the seventh. Stone led off with a single and Piacente reached on an infield single. Colombo's sacrifice bunt pushed the runners to second and third and a wild pitch scored Stone.

Stone and Bock each finished the game 3-for-4. Rockwell, Piacente and junior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) were each 2-for-4 and Colombo was 1-for-3 with two RBI.

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Games vs. Ohio Wesleyan and Swarthmore
March 12, 2004 (Kissimmee, FL)

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Cortland (7-2)
Ohio Wesleyan (5-5)

Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 5-0) and Keri Banta
OWU: Lilly Alcala (L), Claire Martin (3) and Janelle Dangler

HR - none
3B - none
2B - Jen Rockwell (C), Carin Piacente (C), Janelle Dangler (OW)

Cortland 4, Swarthmore 3

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Swarthmore (1-5)
Cortland (8-2)

Swarthmore: Marianne Klingaman (L) and Christina Procacci
Cortland: Lara Almansberger, Ang D'Amboise (5) (W, 2-1) and Jill Seymour, Blythe Beecher (3), Keri Banta (7)

HR - Lara Stone (C)
3B - none
2B - Lara Stone (C), Carin Piacente (C), Pip Colombo (C)