SUNY Cortland Softball

NCAA Division III Regional – SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Oneonta
Saturday, May 8, 2004; Kostrinsky Field; Ithaca, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 8, Oneonta 4

ITHACA, N.Y. – Senior shortstop Lara Stone (Windsor) went 2-for-4 with a homer, double and three RBI and junior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) was 3-for-3 with a double, walk and two RBI as Cortland defeated Oneonta, 8-4, in an NCAA Division III regional winner’s bracket game at Ithaca College.

Cortland is one win away from making a return trip to the Division III World Series in Salem, Va. The Red Dragons will face host Ithaca on Sunday at noon. The Bombers need two victories versus Cortland to win the regional. Ithaca moved into the championship round with a 12-0 win over Western New England and a 2-1 win in eight innings versus Oneonta.

Sophomore Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) earned the win for Cortland and is now 22-2 on the season. She allowed seven hits and two unearned runs in six and two-thirds innings. She walked three and struck out four, and is now tied for the school single-season strikeout record with 152. Freshman Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) started the seventh and gave up three hits and two runs, one earned. Adamshick re-entered the game with two runners on base and retired the final two batters.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Huson led off with a double and moved to third on a Jen Rockwell (Scotia) sacrifice bunt. A fielding error with two outs on a grounder by senior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) allowed Huson to score. In the third, Huson singled down the third base line with two outs and Rockwell tripled off the fence in right center to give Cortland a 2-0 advantage.

The Red Dragons exploded for five runs in the fifth inning. Senior Jill Seymour (Conklin/Susquehanna Valley) led off with a double down the left field line and pinch-runner Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) moved to third on an infield single by sophomore Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South). Loiacono stole second and Huson singled sharply up the middle to drive in two runs. Rockwell drew a walk and Stone hit her ninth homer of the season over the left field fence to put Cortland ahead 7-0.

Oneonta answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Rena Finsmith and Allison Bandos hit back-to-back singles with one out. With two outs, Liz Scimeca reached on a throwing error by Stone at shortstop, allowing Finsmith to score. An RBI single by Sarah Place brought in the other run.

Oneonta had the bases loaded with one out in the sixth on a walk to Erin Hodges and singles by Amanda LaPolla and Finsmith. Adamshick escaped the jam with a flyout and a fielder's choice. Oneonta stranded 12 runners on base, including seven over the final three innings. Cortland tacked on a run in the top of the seventh on two-out, back-to-back doubles by Stone and Piacente. Oneonta's final runs came on a Kathy Caito RBI grounder at first and a double-error by Cortland on a grounder hit by Hodges. D’Amboise fielded the grounder but threw high to first, and Piacente then threw high to third trying to record an out.

Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 22-2), Ang D’Amboise (7), Adamshick (7) and Jill Seymour (Red Dragons: 36-7)
Oneonta: Amy Herba (L, 17-7), Liz Scimeca (5) and Michelle Norwich (Red Dragons: 28-16)

2B - Kim Huson (C), Lara Stone (C), Carin Piacente (C), Jill Seymour (C), Erica Gifford (O)
3B - Jen Rockwell (C) HR - Lara Stone (C)