SUNY Cortland Softball
SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Plattsburgh (Doubleheader)
Friday, April 2, 2004; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 3, Plattsburgh 2
GAME 2: Cortland 8, Plattsburgh 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior second baseman Pip Colombo (Williamsville/Williamsville North) broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run, fifth-inning single in the first game and went 4-for-4 with two doubles and four runs scored in the nightcap as Cortland, ranked ninth nationally in Division III, defeated Plattsburgh 3-2 and 8-3 in a SUNYAC doubleheader. Cortland is now 15-3 overall and 4-0 in league play. Plattsburgh drops to 6-13 and 0-2.

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) improved her record to 9-0 with a complete-game five-hitter. She struck out six, walked three and allowed two unearned runs. She defeated Plattsburgh senior Tracy Mitchell (London, ON/Oakridge), who gave up four hits and three runs in six innings. Mitchell struck out four and walked three.

Plattsburgh took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning. Mitchell doubled to left and one out later pinch-runner Sarah Nestasia (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) stole third. After an error put runners on first and third, Marcie Everleth’s (Morrisonville/Saranac) bunted to third. Cortland's third baseman tried to retire Nestasia at the plate but her scoop toss was too late.

In the bottom of the fifth, sophomore Rudy Loiacono (Williamsville/Williamsville South) doubled with one out and junior Kin Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) walked. With two outs, senior Lara Stone (Windsor) hit a flare just beyond the second baseman's reach into centerfield for an RBI single to tie the game. Colombo followed with a bloop that fell in between the shortstop and leftfielder to drive in two runs and give the Red Dragons a 3-1 lead.

Plattsburgh almost tied the game in the top of the seventh. With two outs and no one on, freshman Nikki Zabkiewicz (Livonia, MI/Garden City) singled up the middle and sophomore Kelly Bazinet (Clarence) walked. Junior April Barbour (South Gate, MI/Wayne St.) then singled through the left side and the leftfielder misplayed the ball. Zabkiewicz originally held up at third but came in to score on the misplay. With runners on first and second, Adamshick struck out the next batter to end the game.

In the second game, senior Lara Almansberger (Fairport) gave up six hits and three runs, two earned, in four innings for the win. She is 4-1 on the season. Freshman Ang D'Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) earned her third save of the season by allowing no runs, one hit and one walk in three innings. She fanned four batters, all on called third strikes.

Cortland scored twice in the top of the second. Colombo led off with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by junior Erin Bock (East Hampton). Freshman Megan Dore (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt) reached on an error, moving Colombo to third, and then stole second. Junior Keri Banta (Washingtonville) followed with a two-run single to left. In the fourth, Colombo doubled off the fence in left center and scored on a Bock double to right center. Bock advanced to third on a groundout and scored on Banta's RBI single through the left side. Banta finished 2-for-4 with three RBI and Bock was 1-for-3 with two RBI.

Plattsburgh tallied three times in the bottom of the fourth to cut Cortland's lead to one. Bazinet led off with a single and Zabkiewicz walked. With one out, Bazinet stole third and Zabkiewicz moved to second at the end of the play. Junior Heidi Benware (Keeseville/Au Sable Valley) drove in both runners with a single to center. With two outs, Benware stole second. She moved to third when Jamie Prudhomme (Cohoes) reached on an error. Prudhomme then stole second and Nestasia, pinch hitting, singled to center to score Benware. Prudhomme also tried to score on the play but was thrown out by Huson at the plate to end the inning and keep Cortland's lead at 4-3.

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Cortland answered with three runs in the top of the fifth. Stone singled to third to extend her hitting streak to 11 games. She stole second and Plattsburgh intentionally walked senior Carin Piacente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas). Colombo, however, made the Cardinals pay for that decision by singling through the left side to load the bases. During the next at-bat, Cortland scored twice when a wild pitch was not located right away by Plattsburgh's catcher. Bock's RBI groundout increased the lead to 7-3. The Red Dragons' final run came in the seventh when Colombo led off with a double down the left field line and scored two batters later on pinch-hitter Blythe Beecher's (Corning/Corning East) RBI single up the middle.

Sophomore Erika Clark (Franklinville) suffered the loss for Plattsburgh, allowing 11 hits and eight runs, seven earned. She walked two. Benware was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI and Bazinet went 2-for-3.

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Plattsburgh: Tracy Mitchell (L, 1-7) and Keri Brean  
Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 9-0) and Jill Seymour

2B - Tracy Mitchell (P), Rudy Loiacono (C)

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Cortland: Lara Almansberger (W, 4-1), Ang D'Amboise (5) (Save, 3) and Keri Banta  
Plattsburgh: Erika Clark (L, 5-6) and Keri Brean

2B - Pip Colombo (C) 2, Erin Bock (C), Heidi Benware (P)