SUNY Cortland Softball

NCAA Division III World Series – SUNY Cortland vs. Univ. of St. Thomas (Minn.)
Friday, May 14, 2004; Moyer Sports Complex; Salem, Va.

FINAL SCORE: St. Thomas 10, Cortland 2 (6 innings)

SALEM, VA. – The University of St. Thomas extended their Division III record winning streak to 38 games with a 10-2 victory over Cortland in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Softball World Series. The Tommies (43-4) will face Muskingum (Ohio) in a winner's bracket game Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Cortland will face Wheaton College (Mass.) in an elimination game Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Janet Nagle improved to 30-2 for St. Thomas with the victory. Cortland sophomore starter Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) drops to 23-3 with the loss. She allowed one hit and three walks in two and one-third innings. She gave up five runs, three earned.

St. Thomas scored five runs in the bottom of the third on only two hits. The Tommies loaded the bases on a walk, an error on a sacrifice bunt and another walk. Nikki Conway doubled to right to drive in two runs and Michelle Wong plated a run with a groundout. Kristi Huegel's squeeze bunt scored a run as Conway just eluded the tag at the plate. The final run scored on Katie Wiberg's RBI single to right. Cortland rightfielder Jen Rockwell (Scotia) threw out a runner at the plate to end the inning.

Cortland was held hitless through three innings before picking up a run in the fourth. Junior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) singled to left and moved to second on a wild pitch. With one out, senior Lara Stone (Windsor) doubled to right center to score Huson.

The Tommies added three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Kathleen Fitzpatrick led off with a single and Carrie Embree walked. A double steal moved the runners up, and an error on the throw to third let Fitzpatrick score. Conway followed with an RBI double to the base of the fence and, two batters later, Kaja Martinson singled in a run.

Cortland added a run on a bizarre play in the sixth. Huson led off with a single and was replaced at first by Rockwell after a fielder's choice. A pickoff throw by the St. Thomas catcher sailed over the first baseman's head and Rockwell went to second. When the rightfielder held the ball on the play, Rockwell took off for third, and the rightfielder's throw was wild, allowing Rockwell to score on the play.

The final two runs for St. Thomas came on RBI singles by Martinson and Nagle in the sixth.

NOTES: Cortland had two players – Adamshick and Stone – named to the NFCA Division III All-America team, which was announced at a pre-tournament banquet Thursday night...Adamshick was a second team selection and Stone was on the third team...Stone was an All-America outfielder last year who made the move to shortstop in her senior season.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (L, 23-3), Ang D'Amboise (3) and Jill Seymour, Keri Banta (Red Dragons: 37-8)
St Thomas: Janet Nagle (W, 30-2) and Nikki Conway (Tommies: 43-4)

2B - Lara Stone (C), Nikki Conway (ST) 2