SUNY Cortland Softball

NCAA Division III World Series – SUNY Cortland vs. Wheaton College (Mass.)
Saturday, May 15, 2004; Moyer Sports Complex; Salem, Va.

FINAL SCORE: Wheaton 1, Cortland 0

SALEM, VA. – Cortland’s softball season came to a close as the Red Dragons lost 1-0 to Wheaton College (Mass.) in an elimination game at the NCAA Division III World Series. Cortland, making its second straight Series appearance and fourth overall, ends the season tied for seventh nationally with a 37-9 mark. Wheaton (33-11-1) will play either Salisbury or Moravian on Sunday.

Sophomore Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) suffered the loss despite allowing only two hits and one unearned run. The second team All-American struck out five and walked one and finishes the season 23-4. Wheaton starter Jackie Demling scattered six hits and struck out five for the shutout victory.

“This was a very frustrating game for us offensively,” said Cortland head coach Julie Lenhart. “Give all the credit to Wheaton. We’re just going to erase the memory of this game, because it’s been such an exceptional year being able to return to the World Series.”

Wheaton scored without the benefit of a hit in the bottom of the first. Carmella Ranieri reached on an error to lead off the inning and moved to second on a Courtney Prior sacrifice bunt. Brianna Shawah then hit a ball back to Adamshick, whose throw to third easily beat Ranieri. Cortland missed the tag, however, and Sarah Malloy followed with a sacrifice fly to left to score Ranieri.

Adamshick walked the next batter, but settled down and retired 11 straight hitters before Brittany Ames singled down the left field line with one out in the fifth for Wheaton’s first hit of the game. Amanda Dow-Allen followed with a single through the left side, but the Lyons ended up stranding runners on second and third in the inning.

Cortland threatened in both the third and sixth innings. In the third, junior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) singled to left field with one out and advanced to second on a wild pickoff throw by Wheaton’s catcher. Demling recorded a strikeout and induced a foul pop-up to end the inning. With two outs in the sixth, senior Carin Placente (Putnam Valley/Walter Panas) singled to left and senior Pip Colombo (Williamsville/Williamsville North) singled through the left side. A fielder’s choice, however, stopped the threat.

NOTES: Placente recorded her 200th career hit with her single to left in the sixth; she’s the third player in school history to reach the 200-hit mark...Stone finished her career with 199 hits...Placente finishes her career as Cortland’s career walk leader (58) and tied as the school’s RBI leader (139)...Adamshick’s 165 strikeouts this season are a school record and Stone tied a school single-season mark with 24 walks.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (L, 23-4) and Jill Seymour (Red Dragons: 37-9)
Wheaton: Jackie Demling (W, 25-7) and Lori Hill (Lyons: 33-11-1)

(no extra-base hits)