CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Erika Cremona (Mastic Beach/William Floyd) and sophomore Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) combined to throw a no-hitter as Cortland defeated Cazenovia, 4-0, to complete a sweep of a non-league doubleheader. The Red Dragons (9-6) won the opener in five innings, 9-1, behind a one-hitter from junior Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro). Cazenovia is now 2-7-1.

Cremona pitched five innings in the nightcap to improve her record to 3-3. She struck out six and walked three. D’Amboise retired all six batters she faced, two by strikeout, over the final two innings to complete the no-hitter. Senior Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) was 2-for-2 and sophomore Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) was 1-for-3 with an RBI triple for the Red Dragons. Cazenovia’s Sarah Kraeger allowed seven hits and only one earned run over six innings.

Cazenovia had four baserunners in the game – three on walks and the other on a third-inning error. Cortland took a 2-0 lead in the second with a pair of unearned runs. Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) reached on a one-out error and stole second. Junior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) followed with a single to left. A throwing error by the left fielder allowed Fredericks to score and Rockwell to advance to third. Megan Dore (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt) then hit a grounder to short. The Wildcats appeared to have Rockwell out at home, but the catcher muffed the throw and the run scored.

Cortland added a run in the third when Huson singled and Talbot tripled to left. In the fourth, Dore led off with a triple to center and scored when a fielder’s choice grounder resulted in a throwing errory by the pitcher.

In the opener, Adamshick fanned seven batters and walked one. The only hit she allowed was a solo homer by Kathleen Frank (Fort Plain) to lead off the top of the third inning. The game was called after five due to the eight-run rule.

Rockwell was 2-for-3 with two doubles and an RBI, Talbot was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI and senior Keri Banta (Washingtonville) was 1-for-2 with an RBI double to lead the Cortland offense.

The Red Dragons plated six runs, all unearned, off Cazenovia starter Lisa Folsom in the second. Fredericks reached second on a one-out throwing error and scored on Rockwell’s double down the left field line. After Erin Bock (East Hampton) reached on an error, Banta doubled down the left field line to score Rockwell. Kim Wood (Equinunk, PA/Hancock) then bunted for a single, scoring Bock and moving Banta to third. Wood immediately proceeded to get in a rundown, allowing Banta to score with Wood eventually reaching second. Talbot’s two-run double to left completed the scoring later in the inning.

Cortland forced the eight-run rule with three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Talbot led off with a single to right and moved to second on a groundout. Pinch-hitter Carisa Gaylardo (West Babylon/North Babylon) followed with a single to center, and an error by the center fielder allowed Talbot to score. Rockwell doubled to drive in Gaylardo and, with two outs, stole third. Pinch-hitter Erin Brain (Westtown/Minisink Valley) struck out for what was apparently the final out of the inning, but a passed ball on the play allowed Brain to reach first and Rockwell to score the game-ending run.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 4-3) and Keri Banta

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Cortland (9-6): Erika Cremona (W, 3-3), Ang D'Amboise (6) and Blythe Beecher
Cazenovia (2-7-1): Sarah Kraeger (L) and Sarah Sobon

3B - Dominique Talbot (Cort), Megan Dore (Cort)