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SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. SUNY Plattsburgh (Doubleheader)
Friday, April 29, 2005; PSU Softball Complex; Plattsburgh, NY

GAME 1: Cortland 2, Plattsburgh 0
GAME 2: Plattsburgh 2, Cortland 1 (10 inn.)

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. – Junior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) hit a two-run double in the top of the seventh and junior Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) pitched a four-hit shutout as Cortland, ranked 16th nationally in Division III, defeated Plattsburgh, 2-0, in the opening game of a SUNYAC doubleheader. With the win, the Red Dragons (28-9, 16-2 SUNYAC) clinched the league regular-season title for the second straight season and will host the six-team, double-elimination SUNYAC tournament May 5-8.

Plattsburgh won the nightcap, 2-1 in 10 innings. Keri Brean (West Chazy/Beekmantown) hit a solo homer to tie the game in the fifth and doubled in the winning run in the top of the 10th for the Cardinals (19-16, 9-6).

In the opener, Plattsburgh starter Jaclyn Leitze (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) retired 18 straight Cortland batters before sophomore Jamie Neuner (Brewster) led off with a single to left in the top of the seventh. Kim Huson (Binghamton/Johnson City) reached on an error, but Leitze retired the next two batters. Rockwell then hit a double to score Neuner and Huson with the game’s only runs. Despite the loss, Leitze finished with 14 strikeouts and no walks, and both runs she allowed were unearned.

Adamshick struck out eight batters and walked two as she improved her record to 13-5. She retired the first seven batters she faced before issuing a walk. After a fielder’s choice resulted in the second out, Melissa Luciano (Stony Point/Rockland) hit a double, but the relay from centerfielder Huson to shortstop Neuner to the plate was in time to retire the runner trying to score from first. In the sixth, Plattsburgh had runners on second and third with two outs before a popup ended the threat.

In the second game, senior Erika Cremona (Mastic Beach/William Floyd) took the loss despite giving up only four hits and two runs, one earned, in 10 innings. She fanned nine batters and walked one. The Red Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the second. Freshman Shara Evanter (Commack) singled and sophomore Christine Devine (East Greenbush/Columbia) entered as a pinch runner. A Rockwell single up the middle and a Nicole Fredericks (West Babylon) bunt single loaded the bases with no outs. One out later, a wild pitch scored Devine and moved the other runners to second and third. Plattsburgh starter Erika Clark (Franklinville) then allowed an infield single to re-load the bases, but escaped further damage with a strikeout and groundout.

Plattsburgh had only one hit through four innings, but tied the game when Brean led off the fifth with a homer over the fence in center field. Cremona then retired the next nine batters before allowing a single in the eighth.

In the 10th inning, the “NCAA tiebreaker” rule, where a runner starts the inning on second base, was applied per SUNYAC regular-season standards. For Plattsburgh, Emily Seawall-Butler (Woodstock/Onteora) was placed on second and was bunted to third by Heidi Benware (Keeseville/AuSable Valley). Brean then doubled to left to drive in the run and moved to third on a bunt, but was stranded when Cremona struck out the final batter.

In the bottom of the 10th, Keri Banta (Washingtonville) was placed on second for Cortland. She moved to third on a wild pitch but Leitze, who entered at the start of the inning, struck out the next batter. Neuner then hit a grounder that second baseman Annie Ricco (Valley Stream) was able to field. She threw home and narrowly retired Banta for the second out. A strikeout ended the game.

Stephanie Zweig (West Nyack/Clarkstown South) earned the win for Plattsburgh in relief of Clark. She tossed five scoreless innings, allowing three hits and one walk while striking out six. Leitze earned the save. Brean finished 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Fredericks finished 2-for-3 and Blythe Beecher (Corning/Corning East) was 1-for-2 for Cortland.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 13-5) and Keri Banta
Plattsburgh: Jaclyn Leitze (L, 10-5), Stephanie Zweig (7) and Keri Brean

2B - Jen Rockwell (C), Melissa Luciano (P)

Game 2: Plattsburgh 2, Cortland 1 (10 inn.)

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Plattsburgh: Erika Clark, Stephanie Zweig (5) (W, 5-4), Jaclyn Leitze (10) (Save, 1) and Melissa Luciano (Cardinals: 19-16, 9-6 SUNYAC)
Cortland: Erika Cremona (L, 12-4) and Blythe Beecher, Keri Banta (8) (Red Dragons: 28-9, 16-2 SUNYAC)

2B - Keri Brean (P)
HR - Keri Brean (P)