SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. Penn St. Behrend
Thursday, March 10, 2005; Rebel Spring Games; Kissimmee, Fla.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland 11, Penn St. Behrend 3

KISSIMMEE, Fla. -- Junior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) went 2-for-4 with a triple, home run, three runs and three RBI to lead the nationally 11th-ranked Cortland softball team to an 11-3 win over Penn St. Behrend Thursday afternoon at the Rebel Spring Games. The Red Dragons (3-4) scored in five of the six innings and ended the game early due to the eight-run mercy rule.

Cortland took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on junior Nicole Fredericks' (West Babylon) RBI ground out and sophomore Domique Talbot's (Rockville Centre/Southside) two-out run-scoring triple. The Red Dragons added two more runs in the third inning. Rockwell led off with a triple to center field and scored on Fredericks' single. With one out, freshman Shara Evanter (Commack) plated Fredericks with a double to right center.

Rockwell's three-run homer in the bottom of the fourth stretched the lead to 7-0, but Penn St. Behrend (0-5) scored three times in the top of the fifth, chasing Cortland sophomore pitcher Ang D'Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa). Freshman Erin Brain (Westtown/Minisink Valley) came on in relief and recorded a ground out to shortstop and a strikeout with runners on first and third to end the inning.

The Red Dragons answered with two more runs in the bottom of the inning on sophomore Stephanie Cola's (Binghamton/Chenango Valley) two-out two-run single that scored sophomores Christine Devine (East Greenbush/Columbia) and Kate Yaun (Liberty). In the bottom of the six, senior Amber Ortolano (Buffalo/Kenmore West) drove in senior Carisa Gaylardo (West Babylon/North Babylon) with a single and Brain ended the game with a pinch-hit RBI single to center field that plated Rockwell.

D'Amboise pitched four and a third innings, allowing six hits, one walk and one earned run with six strikeouts to earn the win. Brain struck out one and did not allow a hit in one and two-thirds innings of work. Penn St. Behrend's Kim Raff took the loss.

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Penn St. Behrend: Kim Raff (L) and Jillian Woolridge
Cortland: Ang D'Amboise (W, 2-0), Erin Brain (5) and Keri Banta

HR - Jen Rockwell (C)
3B - Jen Rockwell (C), Dominique Talbot (C)
2B - Lindsey Stankus (PSB), Shara Evanter (C)