SUNY Cortland Softball

Doubleheader vs. SUNY Geneseo
Tuesday, April 18, 2006; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Cortland 9, Geneseo 5
GAME 2: Cortland 1, Geneseo 0 (9 inn.)

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Junior Dominique Talbot’s (Rockville Centre/Southside) RBI double in the top of the ninth scored the game’s lone run as Cortland defeated Geneseo, 1-0, to complete a doubleheader sweep. The Red Dragons (22-8, 12-2 SUNYAC) won the opener, 9-5. Geneseo is now 15-15 overall and 9-7 in SUNYAC play.

Cortland junior Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) tossed a perfect game through the regulation seven innings of the nightcap, but the game remained scoreless. She allowed two hits in the bottom of the eighth – a leadoff infield single by Kerry Kuhn (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) and a two-out single to Kristen Newton (Whitesboro) – but second baseman Stefanie Cola (Binghamton/Chenango Valley) saved the game by making a diving catch in right field on a short looping fly ball by Liz Squairs (Liverpool). D’Amboise also gave up a one-out single to Melissa Mason (East Amherst/Williamsville East) in the ninth and finished with a three-hit shutout. She struck out six and walked none and is 9-4 on the season.

Cortland scored its only run when Megan Dore (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt) drew a one-out walk and Talbot doubled to the gap in right center. The Red Dragons couldn’t capitalize earlier in the game on three strong scoring chances. Shara Evanter (Commack) doubled to lead off the second but pinch-runner Kim Whitman (Victor) was stranded at third. Stefanie Cola (Binghamton/Chenango Valley) doubled with one out in the fourth and stole third but didn’t score.

Cortland’s best chance came in the sixth when a pair of errors put runners on second and third with no outs. Kuhn struck out the next two batters and induced a groundout, however, to end the threat. Kuhn allowed five hits and four walks and struck out seven in nine innings.

In the opener, Geneseo led 2-0 on two-out RBI singles by Newton in the second and Lauren Zefting (Webster) in the third. Cortland scored three unearned runs in the third. Jamie Neuner (Brewster) reached on a two-out walk and an error on a ball hit to short by Tina Milani (Hopewell Junction/John Jay East Fishkill) kept the inning alive. Jen Rockwell (Scotia) followed with an RBI single to right and Evanter’s grounder bounced off the first baseman’s glove and into right field to allow two runs to score.

The Red Dragons recorded six hits in a four-run fourth inning, including RBI singles by Dore and Neuner, an RBI groundout by Milani and a run-scoring double to right center by Rockwell. Geneseo got two runs back in the fifth on pitcher Audrey Kuhn’s (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) two-run single and closed to within 7-5 in the sixth on a two-out RBI single by Sonia Luchanko (Webster). The Knights almost scored another run on Luchanko’s hit when a throw from the outfield went toward the backstop, but Cortland catcher Blythe Beecher (Corning/Corning East) tracked down the ball and threw out a runner at the plate. Evanter singled in two runs in the bottom of the sixth to complete the scoring.

Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) started for the Red Dragons and allowed six hits and three walks while striking out four in five and one-third innings for her 10th win of the season. Sophomore Erin Brain (Westtown/Minisink Valley) relieved Adamshick with one out and a runner on in the top of the sixth. One run scored that inning, charged to Adamshick, but Brain retired the side in order in the seventh to earn her second save of the season.

Evanter finished 2-for-3 with two RBI, Rockwell was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI and Dore went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Red Dragons. Audrey Kuhn drove in two runs and Luchanko went 1-for-2 with a walk and an RBI for Geneseo.

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Geneseo: Audrey Kuhn (L, 7-8) and Liz Squairs
Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 10-3), Erin Brain (6) (Save, 2) and Blythe Beecher

2B – Melissa Mason (G), Kerry Kuhn (G), Jen Rockwell (C)

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Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (W, 9-4) and Amanda Barnett, Blythe Beecher (7) (Red Dragons: 22-8, 12-2 SUNYAC)
Geneseo: Kerry Kuhn (L, 7-6) and Liz Squairs (Knights: 15-15, 9-7 SUNYAC)

2B – Shara Evanter (C), Stefanie Cola (C), Dominique Talbot (C)