SUNY Cortland Softball

Doubleheader vs. Ithaca College
Wednesday, April 12, 2006; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Ithaca 11, Cortland 1 (6 inn.)
GAME 2: Ithaca 8, Cortland 1

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Leigh Bonkowski (Mystic, CT/The Williams School) went a combined 7-for-8 with five RBI and Mel Chinigo (Norwich, CT/Norwich Free Academy) drove in three runs in each game as nationally third-ranked Ithaca swept Cortland, 11-1 and 8-1, in a non-league doubleheader.

Ithaca extended its winning streak to a school-record 14 games with the victories and is now 26-2. Cortland had a six-game win streak snapped and is 16-8 on the season.

Nicole Cade (Portland, OR/Beaverton) won the opener for the Bombers, allowing seven hits and one run, to improve to 13-1. She recorded one strikeout and did not walk anyone. Bonkowski went 4-for-4, including an RBI triple in the first, an RBI double in the fifth and a run-scoring single in the sixth. The game was called after six innings due to the eight-run rule. Chinigo drove in a run with a groundout in Ithaca’s three-run first inning and hit a two-run triple to cap a four-run sixth.

Cortland’s run came in the bottom of the fifth. Junior Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) and senior Kim Wood (Equinunk, PA/Hancock (NY)) led off with back-to-back singles. A sacrifice bunt moved Wood and pinch-runner Kim Whitman (Victor) up a base and Jamie Neuner’s (Brewster) groundout plated a run. Senior Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) suffered the loss, allowing eight hits, five walks and eight runs in five innings.

Ithaca held a 2-1 lead after five innings in the nightcap before breaking the game open with four runs in the sixth and two in the seventh. Bonkowski went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI. She started the game 3-for-3 before hitting into a fielder’s choice in her final at-bat. Chinigo was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. Carly Myers (Victoria, BC/Claremont Secondary) gave up seven hits and one run for the complete-game victory. She struck out two and walked one and is 12-1 on the season.

Sophomore Shara Evanter (Commack) was 2-for-2 with a walk and Talbot went 2-for-3 with a triple to lead the Red Dragons. Junior Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) allowed only two runs and five hits over the first five innings, but gave up six runs on seven hits in the sixth and seventh.

Bonkowski’s two-out RBI double and Chinigo’s RBI single staked the Bombers to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Cortland was unable to score after a leadoff Talbot triple in the third when pinch-runner Kelsey Curran (Alfred Station/Alfred-Almond) was thrown out at home on a ball hit back to the pitcher. The Red Dragons cut their deficit in half in the fourth on pinch-hitter Blythe Beecher’s (Corning/Corning East) two-out RBI single up the middle. Cortland put a runner on second to lead off the fifth after an Ithaca error but couldn’t advance her beyond that point.

Ithaca’s four-run sixth featured a Bonkowski RBI triple down the right field line, a Chinigo RBI single to right, an RBI infield single by Jessica Stangarone (Brewster) and pinch-hitter Jackie McCorry’s (Hatboro, PA/Villa Joseph Marie) RBI single up the middle. Back-to-back run-scoring doubles by Chinigo and Stacy Pelesz (Livingston/Hudson), the latter hitting off the fence in right center, completed the scoring in the seventh.

Cortland returns to SUNYAC action with doubleheaders Friday at Buffalo State and Saturday at Fredonia.

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Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (L, 7-3), Erin Brain (6) and Blythe Beecher

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2B – Leigh Bonkowski (ITH)

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Ithaca: Carly Myers (W, 12-1) and Hannah Shalett (Bombers: 26-2, ranked 3rd in Div. III)  
Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (L, 6-4), Erin Brain (7) and Amanda Barnett, Blythe Beecher (5) (Red Dragons: 16-8)

3B – Leigh Bonkowski (ITH), Dominique Talbot (C)  
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