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SUNY Cortland Softball
Doubleheader vs. SUNY Plattsburgh
Friday, March 31, 2006; Dragon Field; Cortland, N.Y.

GAME 1: Plattsburgh 3, Cortland 0
GAME 2: Plattsburgh 4, Cortland 3

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Senior Jamie Prudhomme’s (Cohoes) two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning gave Plattsburgh the lead for good as the Cardinals defeated host Cortland, 4-3, to complete a sweep of a SUNYAC doubleheader. Plattsburgh won the opener, 3-0, behind a two-hit, 11-strikeout shutout from sophomore Stephanie Zweig (West Nyack/Clarkstown South).

The Cardinals improved to 12-6 overall and 2-0 in the league with the victories. Cortland is 10-6 and 0-2. Both teams are among the “others receiving votes” section of the latest NFCA Division III national poll.

Plattsburgh’s winning rally in the nightcap started with a Melissa Luciano (Stony Point/Rockland) one-out bunt single. She stole second with two outs. Cortland appeared to be out of the inning when Ang D’Amboise (Ballston Lake/Shenendehowa) struck out Shannon Connors (Brockport), but a wild pitch on the third strike allowed Connors to reach and Luciano to advance to third. Pinch-runner Jess Palmaccio (Selden/Newfield) moved to second on a wild pitch, and Prudhomme followed with a two-run double over the center fielder’s head to give Plattsburgh the lead.

The guests took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a Keri Brean (West Chazy/Beekmantown) RBI single and a Connors run-scoring groundout to second. The Red Dragons tied the game in the third. Junior Kate Yaun (Liberty) tripled to right center with one out and scored on junior Jamie Neuner’s (Brewster) RBI single to short left field. Neuner stole second and scored on a two-out double to deep left field by senior Jen Rockwell (Scotia).

Cortland grabbed a 3-2 lead in the fourth. Junior Stefanie Cola (Binghamton/Chenango Valley) and junior Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) started the inning with back-to-back singles. They advanced one base on Amanda Barnett’s (Syracuse/Jamesville-DeWitt) sacrifice bunt and Cola scored on junior Megan Dore’s (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt) groundout to third.

Prudhomme was one of five Plattsburgh players to finish 1-for-3 to account for the Cardinals’ five hits. Sophomore Jaclyn Leitze (Burnt Hills/Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) improved to 6-4 with the victory. She allowed six hits, struck out two and walked one. D’Amboise suffered the loss for Cortland. She gave up seven hits and two walks and allowed five hits in six innings. Neuner was 2-for-4.

In the opener, Zweig ran her record to 6-2 with the win. She allowed only three Cortland baserunners, none of which advanced past first base. Sophomore Tina Milani (Hopewell Junction/John Jay East Fishkill) singled with one out in the first and Talbot reached twice after being hit by a pitch in the second and singling in the fifth.

Plattsburgh broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth. Luciano singled through the left side with one out, stole second and scored on Brean’s single to right center. The Cardinals added a run in the sixth when Ashley Shannon (Baltimore, Canada/CDCI West) reached on a two-out bunt single and scored on Luciano’s double to right center. Plattsburgh’s final run came in the seventh when pinch-hitter Connors hit a leadoff double and eventually scored on a single up the middle by Kirby Davids (Brisbane, Australia/Mt. St. Michael’s).

Cortland senior Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) dropped to 4-2 with the loss for Cortland. She gave up seven hits and two walks and struck out seven in six and one-third innings.

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Plattsburgh: Stephanie Zweig (W, 6-2) and Keri Brean
Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (L, 4-2), Erin Brain (7) and Blythe Beecher

2B – Melissa Luciano (P), Shannon Connors (P)

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Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (L, 3-3) and Amanda Barnett (Red Dragons: 10-6, 0-2 SUNYAC)
Plattsburgh: Jaclyn Leitze (W, 6-4) and Melissa Luciano (Cardinals: 12-6, 2-0 SUNYAC)

3B – Kate Yaun (C)
2B – Jen Rockwell (C), Jamie Prudhomme (P)