SUNY Cortland Softball

SUNY Cortland vs. Wisconsin-La Crosse
SUNY Cortland vs. Kean University
Sunday, March 12, 2006; Oren Brown Field; Kissimmee, Fla.

FINAL SCORES:
Cortland 3, Wisconsin-La Crosse 2
Kean 3, Cortland 2 (8 inn.)

KISSIMMEE, FLA. – Cortland, ranked 14th nationally in the Division III pre-season poll, opened its season with a split of two contests at the Rebel Spring Games. The Red Dragons defeated the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 3-2, but lost in eight innings to Kean University of New Jersey, 3-2.

Senior Stephanie Adamshick (Milton/Marlboro) earned the win in the opener. She allowed just three hits, two walks and two runs and struck out four in seven innings. The Red Dragons won despite managing only two hits versus Wisconsin-La Crosse starter Alli Romoren. In six innings, Romoren allowed only one earned run and struck out four, but did walk five batters.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Senior Jen Rockwell (Scotia) and sophomore Shara Evanter (Commack) drew back-to-back walks with two outs. Junior Dominique Talbot (Rockville Centre/Southside) followed by hitting a ball up the middle that was misplayed by La Crosse’s shortstop, allowing Rockwell to score.

La Crosse plated two runs in the top of the second. Two walks and a wild pitch put runners on second and third, and a two-out double by Maria Leu scored both runners.

Cortland recorded both of its hits in a two-run bottom of the fifth. Junior Jamie Neuner (Brewster) reached on an error, and another error on Nelson’s sacrifice bunt put runners on first and third. Two batters later, Evanter singled to right to drive in Neuner.

In the second game, Cortland grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Neuner reached on an error, and another error on Nelson’s sacrifice bunt put runners on first and third. Two batters later, Evanter singled to right to drive in Neuner.

The game stayed at 1-0 until the bottom of the seventh. Kean’s Jesse Buchanan tripled with one out and scored on a two-out error. The NCAA tiebreaker rule, where a runner starts the inning at second base, was used in the eighth inning. Junior Stefanie Cola (Binghamton/Chenango Valley) singled with two outs to drive in Rockwell from second and give Cortland a 2-1 lead. In the bottom of the eighth, however, Kean (2-2) recorded five straight singles, including a game-tying hit up the middle by Maryelise Gierke and the game-winning, bases-loaded single to the fence in left by Vicki Lanza. Nelson temporarily delayed the victory when she threw out a runner at the plate to keep the game tied.

Kristin Lawrence picked up the win for the Cougars, scattering six hits and two walks over eight innings. She struck out eight and allowed two unearned runs. Junior Ang D’Amboise (Balliston Lake/Shenedehowa) took the loss despite striking out 12 batters in seven and one-third innings. She gave up 12 hits and one walk, but only one of the three runs she permitted was earned. Junior Megan Dore (Staatsburg/F.D. Roosevelt) finished 2-for-2 with a double for Cortland. Gierke, Michele Baiera, Kara Shultz and Katie Hicks had two hits apiece for Kean.

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**Cortland 3, Wis.-La Crosse 2**

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Wis.-La Crosse: Alli Romoren (L) and Leah Becherer (Eagles: 1-1)
Cortland: Stephanie Adamshick (W, 1-0) and Blythe Beecher (Red Dragons: 1-0, ranked 14th in Div. III)

2B – Maria Leu (WL)

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Cortland: Ang D’Amboise (L, 0-1) and Amanda Barnett (Red Dragons: 1-1, ranked 14th in Div. III)
Kean: Kristin Lawrence (W) and Vicki Lanza (Cougars: 2-2)

3B – Jesse Buchanan (K)
2B – Megan Dore (C)