

WILLIAMSPORT WARM-UP RECAP

WILLIAMSPORT, PA

OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

GAME RESULTS:

PITT 5
CORNELL 1

DELAWARE 6
BUFFALO 2

UMASS 6
PITT 1

CORNELL 4
LAFAYETTE 2

BUFFALO 9
HOFSTRA 8

CORTLAND 5
DELAWARE 3

UMASS 11
CORNELL 10

PITT 10
LAFAYETTE 0

DELAWARE 12
HOFSTRA 3

CORTLAND 8
BUFFALO 6

CORTLAND 13
HOFSTRA 4

UMASS 9
LAFAYETTE 0

CHAMPIONSHIP:

CORTLAND 7
UMASS 2

SUNY Cortland Defends Title

For the second straight year the SUNY Cortland Red Dragons are Williamsport Warm-Up Champions after an impressive performance this past weekend. Cortland defeated UMass 7-2 in the championship game at Logue field on Sunday to finish the tournament with a perfect 4-0 record.

“We played a lot of quality teams at Williamsport this year, and it was a great test for our team this early in the season,” said Cortland President Toby MacCart. “It gives our program a big boost by winning this tournament 2 years in a row, and gives us confidence as we continue to play out the season.”

Cortland started the tournament with a hard-fought 5-3 victory over Delaware on Saturday. The game featured an impressive pitchers’ duel between MacCart and Delaware President James Sargianis. In the end, the Red Dragons prevailed behind MacCart’s seven strikeout performance over five and two-thirds innings.

In their second game, Cortland cruised to a 13-4 win over Hofstra on Sunday morning. Cortland’s biggest challenge came in game three, where they faced a hot SUNY Buffalo squad fresh off a dramatic 9-8 win over Hofstra which spanned 9 innings over the course of two days. Buffalo managed to come back from a 5-0 deficit to send the game into extra-innings before falling 8-6.

“We stayed confident

when we got down, which is always important if you want to try to come back. We really battled and we had a bunch of clutch hits down the stretch,” said MacCart.

In the other pool, UMass also won all three of their games. They opened with a strong 6-1 win over Pitt, the defending North Atlantic West Conference champions. UMass then shutout Lafayette 9-0 on Sunday morning before taking on Cornell in what proved to be the most exciting game of the entire weekend.

“That game was hands down the greatest comeback I’ve ever been a part of on a baseball field, it was a thrill,” explained UMass Club President Owen Stebbins. “We were in a state of collective disbelief and excitement.”

In the championship game, Cortland took an early lead and never looked back, defeating UMass by a final score of 7-2. Matt Martin pitched the entire game, holding UMass to just two runs.



2009 Williamsport Warm-Up Champions: SUNY Cortland

The Minutemen trailed the entire game, and entered the bottom of seventh inning down 10-5. Two outs later, UMass was down to their final out and still down by five runs. A loss to Cornell would have sent Pitt to the championship and UMass home packing. But the Minutemen had other plans, putting together a remarkable six-run rally without recording an out giving them an incredible 11-10 come-from-behind victory.

Offensively, Cortland was led by Steve Campbell, who capped off a tremendous weekend with a three-run home run in the championship. Campbell was the MVP of tournament, going 10-18 with a double, triple and a home run to go along with 9 RBI and 5 runs scored. Sharing co-MVP honors with Campbell was Pitt head coach Rob Perkey, whose ingenious idea to use ShamWows to get rid of puddles on the field allowed the Saturday games to be played.

