

Cardinals' pitching super in sweep of Fredonia

Written by pressrepublican.com
Saturday, April 21, 2007

FREDONIA — Plattsburgh State knew that Fredonia pitcher Casey Mazurek had been tough to beat in the past, and she gave the Cardinals all they could handle again Friday. Plattsburgh State slipped past the Blue Devils and Mazurek, 1-0, in 10 innings before rolling to an 8-2 win. Last year in Plattsburgh, the Cardinals also edged Mazurek 1-0 before an easy victory in the second game.

Jennifer Nescio had six hits on the day for Plattsburgh State (16-6, 4-0 SUNY Athletic Conference), and Danielle Gjergji had three RBI, including one on a home run. Plattsburgh State visits Buffalo State today.

Neither team could put a run on the board in Friday's first game until Kirby Davids' bunt single brought in Stephanie Blood in the 10th inning. The Blue Devils had two runners on in the bottom of the inning but couldn't score.

Mazurek gave up six hits while striking out 10 and walking two.

Plattsburgh State's Jaclyn Leitze had five strikeouts and allowed one hit in the last three innings. Starter Stephanie Zweig struck out 11 and walked one in seven innings. She surrendered just one hit.

In the second game, Plattsburgh State scored in the first inning and then took over in the second. Shannon Connors singled and later reached home for a 1-0 lead. Fredonia (8-12, 2-6) had three errors in the second, resulting in three Plattsburgh State runs. Gjergji's double brought in two more, giving the Cardinals a 6-0 advantage.

Alicia Westfall hit an RBI-double in the fourth for Plattsburgh State, and Gjergji smacked a solo home run. Gjergji went 3-for-4 in the game.

The Blue Devils' Meghan Sullivan homered in the fifth, and they scored again the sixth.

Leitze earned her second win of the day with 10 strikeouts. Andrea Cornelius allowed 12 hits while striking out seven and walking three. Just two of the Cardinals' runs were earned. Buffalo State (18-6, 8-2) swept Potsdam on Friday and is in a three-way tie for first in the SUNYAC standings.

Plattsburgh State 1, Fredonia 0, 10 innings

Plattsburgh State 000 000 000 1 — 1 6 0

Fredonia 000 000 000 0 — 0 2 2

Zweig, Leitze (8) and Burek. Mazurek and Crosssett. WP- Leitze. LP- Mazurek. 2B- Mosier (F).

Plattsburgh State 8, Fredonia 2

Fredonia 000 011 0 — 2 5 4

Plattsburgh State 150 200 X — 8 12 0

Cornelius and Sullivan. Leitze and Burek. WP- Leitze. LP- Cornelius. 2B- Voncina (F) 2, Westfall (F), Gjergji (PSU). HR- Sullivan (F), Gjergji (PSU).