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Repeat performance

Cortland claims second straight SUNYAC softball title

PLATTSBURGH – **Amanda Barnett** (Syracuse/Jamesville-DeWitt) pounded a two-run home run and Tournament MVP **Katie Finch** (Amsterdam/Broadalbin-Perth) earned her fourth win of the weekend as the Cortland Red Dragons defeated Buffalo State, 3-1, to claim their second straight SUNYAC Softball Championship and fourth title in seven years.

Finch pitched all seven innings of Cortland's title-game win, finishing with nine strikeouts and three walks. She allowed four hits and one run (one earned).

Karen Oste (Jamestown/Maple Grove) drove in the Bengals' run during the championship game with an RBI single. **Aimee Fisher** (Hamburg/Frontier) suffered the loss, working six innings. She allowed three runs (two earned) and three hits and recorded two walks and two strikeouts.

Cortland went 4-1 at the tournament, suffering its only loss to Brockport, 6-0. The Red Dragons eliminated the Golden Eagles, 2-1, later in the tournament as Finch went the distance, recording nine strikeouts and one walk.

Finch pitched shutouts versus Plattsburgh (1-0) and New Paltz (3-0). Against the Cardinals, she allowed two hits and finished with 10 strikeouts and one walk. Finch no-hit the Hawks and had 11 strikeouts and four walks.

All-Tournament Team

Katie Finch, Cortland (MVP)
Jackie Begnocke, Cortland
Shara Evanter, Cortland
Jolene Banach, Buffalo State
Jordan Banach, Buffalo State
Courtney Keleher, Buffalo State
Christina Tschari, Buffalo State
Melissa Boyle, Brockport
Stephanie Geer, Brockport
Andrea Stupp, Plattsburgh
Dale Cornelius, New Paltz