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# CORTLAND STATE SPORTS



SOFTBALL - SPRING 1978

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL MEDIA GUIDE 1978

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CORTLAND INFORMATION

Founded: 1868  
Enrollment: 4,830 Undergraduates  
880 Graduate Students  
Colors: Red and White  
Nickname: Red Dragons  
President: Richard C. Jones  
Men's Athletic Director:  
Roger Robinson (607-753-4963)  
Women's Athletic Director;  
Carole Mushier (607-753-4953)  
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# CORTLAND STATE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE - 1978

## April

7	Adelphi	A	3:30
8	Lehman at Adelphi	A	10:30
8	Adelphi	A	1:00
14	Oswego*	A	3:00
16	Penn State*	H	10:00
18	Ithaca*	H	3:00
22	Brockport*	H	1:00
24	Oneonta*	A	2:30
27	Ithaca*	A	3:00
29	East Stroudsburg	H	1:00

## May

2	Binghamton Scrimmage	H	3:00
5-6	NYSIAW Championships at Cortland		

\*Doubleheader



## HEAD COACH SALLY WALLACE

Sally Wallace enters her eleventh season as the Cortland women's softball coach with an impressive 97-22 (82%) won-lost record.

A Rochester native, Wallace has B.S. and M.S. degrees in physical education from Cortland. She participated in basketball, softball and swimming as an undergraduate student.

Now in her 18th year as a member of the physical education staff at her Alma Mater, Wallace has served as golf coach (3 years), basketball coach (5 years), and swimming coach (1 year).

Softball teams coached by Wallace at Cortland have consistently provided strong competition for New York and Pennsylvania colleges. The Cortland State team finished as NYSIAW Champions in 1977 and took second place in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Cortland also has participated in several AIAW Eastern Region tournaments.

Wallace will be coordinator for the 1978 New York State AIAW softball tournament at Cortland, May 6-7. She conducted the first and second New York State tournaments during the early seventies.

## 1978 SOFTBALL OUTLOOK

The outlook for the 1978 season is "uncertain," according to Coach Sally Wallace. Gone from last year's State Champion team are seven starters, including the top pitcher and catcher in the state. Wallace, however, indicates

that the "prospects are good for this year in terms of the number (75) and quality of candidates" trying out.

Wallace will be relying on the strength and experience of her infield this spring where three of five returning veterans hold down positions. Returning for her third season at third base and shortstop is Lori Slaght, a junior from Ithaca. An all around player, Slaght is noted both for her batting and fielding and should be one of the key members of the Lady Dragon team. Last season, Slaght batted .260, hitting three homeruns. In 1976 as a freshman, Slaght led the team in hits (23) and runs (25) while batting .404. She also was a member of the 1978 State Champion women's basketball team.

Also returning to the infield this year are Janet Weschler and Pat Eberle, both juniors in their second season of play. Weschler, a native of Massapequa, is primarily a third baseman but also can play outfield when needed. Described by Coach Wallace as "versatile and very quick," Weschler batted .360 and had a .931 fielding average last season.

Pat Eberle of Delmar will hold down second base this spring. Also known for her "consistency and versatility," Eberle hit three homeruns while batting .375 and fielding .892 last year. Eberle also is a member of the Cortland State varsity field hockey team.

Wallace also has a strong nucleus for the pitching staff with Deb Pallozzi and Cindy Smith returning. Pallozzi a junior from Waterford, is beginning her third season under Coach Wallace. Despite a 2-5 record, Pallozzi had a 2.14 earned run average last year. In 1976 as a freshman, Pallozzi had a 7-0 record and 1.46



E.R.A. Cindy Smith, a senior from Endwell, is returning for her second year of play. Known for her fastball, Smith had a 4-1 record and 1.89 E.R.A. last spring. Both Pallozzi and Smith will be called on extensively to fill the gap left by the graduated Joanne Poppenberg, the number one pitcher in the State last year.

### 1977 SOFTBALL STATISTICS

Player	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.	Field Avg.
Pat Bowman	20	66	14	29	7	.439	.943
Joanne Poppenberg	14	33	5	13	4	.393	.936
Pat Eberle	8	16	4	6	8	.375	.892
Janet Weschler	10	25	4	9	1	.360	.931
Sue Klinger	14	41	6	12	5	.293	.985
Bonnie May	19	55	13	16	5	.291	1.000
Bette Schneider	19	49	9	14	13	.286	.984
Kathy Solano	17	49	15	13	9	.265	.810
Lori Slaght	15	54	8	14	12	.260	.900
Debbie Pallozzi	8	13	1	3	0	.231	.960
Cindy Smith	8	9	1	2	1	.222	1.000
Nancy Weldon	17	46	8	9	10	.196	.966
Sue Hillenbrand	6	17	1	3	1	.176	.896
Joan Bellissimo	18	52	9	8	9	.173	.840
Linda Cronin	5	9	0	1	1	.111	.714
Julie Hays	5	10	3	1	3	.100	.900

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Team	20	541	111	154	89	.283	.899
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### 1977 PITCHING STATISTICS

Player	G	IP	W	L	E.R.A.
Joanne Poppenberg	12	61 2/3	6	2	4.69
Cindy Smith	7	39	4	1	1.89
Deb Pallozzi	8	39 1/3	2	5	2.14

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Team	20	140	12	8	1.30
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## CORTLAND STATE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

1978 SPRING VARSITY ROSTER

Player	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
Brandi, Ceil	IF/OF	So	Hoosick Falls, NY	St. Mary's Academy
Colon, Maribel		So	Newark, NY	Newark
Contos, Theresa	C	Fr	Syracuse, NY	Nottingham
Cronin, Linda	OF	So	Smithtown, NY	Smithtown East
Descovich, Joanne	OF	Fr	N. Massapequa, NY	Plainedge
Eberle, Patricia	2B	Jr	Delmar, NY	Bethlehem Central
Eiklor, Karen	C	So	Owego, NY	Oswego Free Academy
Ferrell, Barbara	OF	Fr	Scarsdale, NY	Edgemont
LaDuca, Kathleen	IF	Fr	Buffalo, NY	Lake Shore Central
Lamb, Susan	IF	Fr	Binghamton, NY	Chenango Valley
Miller, Debbie	P	Fr	Oswego, NY	Oswego
Pallozzi, Deborah	P	Jr	Waterford, NY	Waterford-Hamilton
Siefried, Wendy	1B	Jr	Barneveld, NY	Holland Patent Central
Slaght, Lori	IF	Jr	Ithaca, NY	Ithaca
Smith, Cynthia	P	Sr	Endwell, NY	Maine-Endwell
Waldron, Diane	OF	Jr	Whitesboro, NY	Whitesboro
Wechsler, Janet	3B	Jr	Massapequa, NY	Alfred Berner

7 Coach: Sally Wallace

Student Manager: Dawn Smith, Junior, Cossackie, N.Y.

Student Trainer: Mark Durlack, Junior, Buffalo, N.Y.



1977 Results 12 Wins, 8 Losses

<u>Cort.</u>		<u>Opp.</u>
6	Oswego	0
1	Oswego	7-
3	Adelphi	1
2	Penn State	1
1	Penn State	2
0	E. Stroudsburg	2-
7	E. Stroudsburg	10-
10	Brooklyn	1
10	Lehman	3
1	Ithaca	0
2	Ithaca	4-
11	Brockport	0
0	Brockport	3-
5	Oswego	2
11	Hofstra*	6
10	Ithaca*	0
7	Adelphi*	2
2	Cent. Conn.+	1
7	Springfield+	8-
4	Bridgewater+	5-

\* New York State AIAW

+ AIAW Eastern Regionals

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**WOMEN'S:** Basketball, Field Hockey, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball.