



PURCHASE COLLEGE – SUNY WOMEN'S SOFTBALL RECAP

Hunter Takes Season-Opening Doubleheader

Purchase, NY (**Mar. 17, 2010**) – Hunter College didn't show any signs of rust in the season-opening twin bill for both the Hawks and host Purchase College Wednesday afternoon.

Hunter (2-0) took both ends of the doubleheader, winning the first game 11-1 and taking the second 11-3 after the Panthers had closed to within three runs in the final frame.

Purchase (0-2) didn't find any rhythm until the second game, taking a 2-1 lead after the first inning and later closing the gap to 4-3 in the third. Hunter tacked on a run in the fifth and sixth for a 6-3 lead and rallied for five more in the top half of the seventh to secure the win.

The afternoon belonged to Hunter ace Stephanie Damroth, who shutdown the Panthers, striking out nine over five full innings in the first game (Purchase was run ruled after five), and slamming the door in game two, tossing two innings of scoreless relief. Starter Lauren Stensland earned the win in the second game. She pitched five innings, allowing three runs and 10 hits.

With Damroth keeping the Panther bats at bay, Hunter provided the standout pitcher with six runs in the first inning of game one. It took Panther ace **Lindsay Froman (SO/Medina, NY)** two innings to settle down. She surrendered six runs in the first and two more in the second before throwing a scoreless third and allowing only two runs in the fourth. Purchase's defense didn't support Froman in the opener as five errors played a large role in the opening innings.

Froman, who allowed only three earned runs in the first game, pitched better in the second game, despite the outcome. Hunter had eight hits in the opener and was paced by right fielder Christina Baker, who accounted for two hits and two RBI. Stephanie Alves, Meghan McKenna, Jackie Frank and Arielle Zieff each had an RBI in the win, while Damroth plated four in support of her own cause.

Shortstop **Jennie Angelone (SO/Howard Beach, NY)**, who had a stellar game in the field, had one of Purchase's two hits in the opener and came around to score the lone run. The Panthers looked a lot more comfortable in the second game of the doubleheader, totaling 10 hits. Captain **Meghan Lalonde (SR/Parishville, NY)** collected two hits and scored a run. **Mariel Perez (SO/Bayside, NY)** and **Jessie Domes (SR/Glenwood, NY)** also had two hits apiece. **Olivia Hintz (SO/East Aurora, NY)** finished the day with a hit in each game.

McKenna and Frank keyed the offense for Hunter in game two with three hits apiece. Frank, Damroth and Alves each collected two RBIs in the win.

Purchase will have a chance to get back on the winning track immediately with a rescheduled matchup with Lehman College set for tomorrow.

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