SUNY Cortland Baseball Senior Pat D'Auria to be
Featured on CBS Sports National Spring Seasonal Show July 2

SUNY Cortland senior baseball outfielder/designated hitter Pat D'Auria (Upper Nyack/Nyack) will be featured on the “CBS Sports Presents Championships of the NCAA” spring seasonal show Saturday, July 2. The program will air between 5 and 6 p.m. on CBS affiliates nationwide. A story on D'Auria will be one portion of the broadcast and is tentatively scheduled to air early in the show, according to a CBS official.

D'Auria missed a majority of the 2004 baseball season due to a blood clot in his shoulder. After undergoing surgery to remove a rib to free the clot, he was granted a medical “redshirt” year by the NCAA despite having played more games than usually allowed under redshirt rules. He came back for a fifth collegiate season this spring and batted .337 with 41 runs batted in. A team captain, he led the Red Dragons to a school-record 43 wins and a second-place finish at the NCAA Division III World Series in Wisconsin. He was named to the World Series all-tournament team. CBS interviewed D'Auria, his parents and Cortland head coach Joe Brown in Wisconsin, and also filmed game action and team meetings.

D'Auria finished his career as Cortland's leader in games played (194) and doubles (55) and is the third Red Dragon to surpass the 200-hit mark (212).

Through the NCAA-CBS 11-year bundled rights agreement, CBS Sports has aired eight previous seasonal shows from the three NCAA sports seasons (fall, winter, spring) over the last three years. The seasonal shows typically feature highlights and unique NCAA student-athlete stories from the Division II and III championships.

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