SUNY Cortland Receives 20th NCAA Division III Field Hockey Tournament Berth; Red Dragons to Face Juniata (Pa.) Saturday, Nov. 13, at Middlebury, Vt.

The SUNY Cortland field hockey team has received a berth into the 18-team NCAA Division III playoffs and will play Juniata College (Pa.) in a Round-of-16 game on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Middlebury College of Vermont. Game time is still to be announced.

Seventh-year head coach Cynthia Wetmore’s Red Dragons, national semifinalists last year, will be making their sixth straight national tournament showing and 20th overall. Middlebury will face Wesley College of Delaware in Saturday’s other regional contest. The two winners will play on Sunday in the national quarterfinals, with that winner advancing to the “final four” at Westfield State College (Mass.) on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20.

Cortland is 15-2 overall and won its fifth straight State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title with a 4-1 record. The Red Dragons received one of three “Pool B” independent bids into the NCAA tournament since the SUNYAC does not have enough teams to qualify for an automatic berth.


Juniata (14-4) and Cortland will be meeting for the first time in their history. The Eagles are making their first-ever NCAA appearance. They received one of two “Pool C” at-large berths into this year’s tournament field reserved for teams that do not win automatic-berth conferences. Juniata lost in the semifinals of the Commonwealth Conference tournament.

Middlebury (15-1), last season’s national runnerup, is the other “Pool C” bid recipient. The Panthers defeated Cortland, 2-1, in the semifinals before losing to Salisbury in the championship game. Middlebury won its first 15 games this year before losing to Williams (Mass.), 4-3 in overtime, in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) championship game this past weekend. Wesley (17-3) earned an NCAA automatic bid by winning the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) title for the second straight year.

# # #