Cortland’s Jeff Flegler Named ECAC Division III Upstate Baseball Player of the Year;
Hubbs, Heaton and Mead Join Flegler on All-ECAC First Team

SUNY Cortland senior first baseman Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) has been chosen as the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Upstate New York baseball Player of the Year for the 2003 season.

Flegler was one of four Red Dragons to earn first team All-ECAC honors along with junior pitcher Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac), junior third baseman Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) and freshman outfielder Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker).

Flegler batted .396 with seven home runs and 52 RBI in 44 games this spring. He led the Red Dragons with 63 hits, a .604 slugging percentage and eight sacrifice flies and was second on the team with 10 doubles.

Hubbs was 7-1 with a 1.58 ERA and two shutouts in 10 appearances, nine as a starter. He allowed 38 hits and 18 walks and struck out 50 batters in 68 and one-third innings.

Heaton finished with a .413 batting average, two homers, 23 RBI, four triples and seven stolen bases. His 21-game hitting streak in the middle of the season was the fourth-longest in school history.

Mead batted .375 with eight doubles, six triples, a homer and 23 RBI. He led the team in triples, runs scored (41) and stolen bases (11).

Cortland concluded the season with a 35-11 record for its 10th straight 30-win season (tied for the second longest active streak nationally in Division III). The Red Dragons won their seventh consecutive State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title and advanced to the championship game of the NCAA Division III New York Regional.

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