Cortland’s Flegler, Hubbs and Mead Earn Top SUNYAC Baseball Post-Season Awards; Seven Red Dragons Named to All-Conference Squad

SUNY Cortland senior first baseman Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) has been named the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) baseball Player of the Year, junior Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) has been chosen as the league’s Pitcher of the Year and freshman outfielder Andy Mead (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) has been tabbed as the league’s First Year Player of the Year in a vote of the league’s coaches.

Flegler, Hubbs and Mead were SUNYAC first team all-league selections along with junior third baseman Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport). Junior outfielder Josh Horner (Groton), sophomore pitcher Matt Miller (Harrison) and sophomore designated hitter Nate Gagnon (Wilton/South Glens Falls) were all second-team selections.

Flegler is batting .406 this season with team-highs of seven homers and 48 runs batted in. He also has recorded seven doubles and seven stolen bases. Hubbs currently has a 6-0 record and is ranked second nationally in Division III with a 0.65 earned run average. He has allowed just 27 hits and 13 walks and has struck out 43 in 55 innings. Mead is third on the Red Dragon squad with a .411 batting average. He leads the team with six triples and 10 stolen bases and also has amassed seven doubles, a homer and 22 RBI.

Heaton is batting at a .423 clip with three doubles, four triples, two homers, 20 RBI and six steals. At one point this season he hit safely in 21 consecutive games. Horner has a team-high .452 batting average with two homers, four doubles and 19 RBI in 25 contests. Miller is 5-1 with a 2.88 ERA. He has 52 strikeouts versus only 24 walks in 50 innings. Gagnon has a .329 batting average with eight doubles, two triples, a homer and 19 RBI in 32 games.

Cortland is 30-9 and captured its seventh straight SUNYAC tournament title last weekend. The Red Dragons finish the regular season at home versus Montclair State on Sunday, May 11, at 1 p.m. and will play in the NCAA Division III tournament starting May 15 at a site to be announced.

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