Jeff Flegler, Mike Hubbs Earn NCBWA New York Regional Baseball Awards

SUNY Cortland senior first baseman Jeff Flegler (Gloucester, NJ) has been selected as the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Division III New York Region Player of the Year, and junior pitcher Mike Hubbs (Averill Park/Tamarac) has been chosen as the NCBWA New York Region Pitcher of the Year.

Flegler finished the season with a .396 batting average and led Cortland with seven home runs and 52 runs batted in. He also stole nine bases and was second on the team with 10 doubles.

Hubbs posted a 7-1 record and a team-best 1.58 earned run average in 10 appearances, nine as a starter. He allowed just 38 hits and 18 walks in 68 and one-third innings and he struck out 50 batters. Opponents batted .159 against Hubbs, who was undefeated before losing in the NCAA Division III New York Regional final versus Trinity College (Conn.).

Flegler and Hubbs were each one of eight candidates for national Player and Pitcher of the Year honors, respectively. Kurt Piantek of Trinity was named the NCBWA national Division III Player of the Year and Matt DeSalvo of Marietta College (Ohio) earned national Pitcher of the Year recognition. Piantek batted .531 with 18 home runs and 61 RBI and was drafted in the 44th round by the Detroit Tigers. DeSalvo was 13-2 with a 1.31 ERA and 157 strikeouts in 96 innings. He signed a free agent minor league contract with the New York Yankees.

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