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Five Cortland Players Named to All-Region Baseball Squad

Five members of the SUNY Cortland baseball team have been named to the 2004 NCAA Division III American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings All-New York Region team.

Senior outfielder Josh Horner (Groton) and junior pitchers Mike Burnett (Westfield) and Matt Miller (Harrison) were first team selections. Sophomore outfielder Jimmy Basnight (East Norwich/St. Dominic) and senior designated hitter Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) were second team honorees.

Horner batted .340 in 45 games this spring. He shared the team lead with five home runs and led the team with 35 runs batted in. He also recorded six doubles, two triples and six stolen bases and made only two errors in 55 total fielding chances.

Burnett was 7-2 with a 2.27 earned run average in 12 appearances, 11 as a starter. He allowed only 57 hits and 17 walks while striking out 67 in 71 and one-third innings.

Miller finished the season with a 7-3 record in 13 appearances, including 10 starts. He tossed three shutouts, including a pair of one-hitters. In 67 and one-third innings, Miller gave up only 43 hits and 16 walks. He registered a team-high 69 strikeouts and teams batted only .180 against him.

Basnight batted .353 with 11 doubles, a team-high five triples, one homer and 28 runs batted in. He tied for second on the team with 18 stolen bases and was second with 34 runs scored.

Heaton, who also played games at second base and shortstop this year in addition to designated hitter, finished the season with a .372 batting average. He led the Red Dragons with 12 doubles, shared the team lead with five homers and was second on the club with four triples. He drove in 29 runs and stole 10 bases.

Cortland finished the season 29-16 and qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament for the 12th consecutive season. The Red Dragons tied for 17th nationally in the tournament and were ranked 23rd in the final ABCA Division III national poll.

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