Cortland’s Jimmy Dougher Selected as NCBWA Regional Pitcher of the Year; Dougher and Will Groff Chosen to All-ECAC Team

SUNY Cortland junior Jimmy Dougher (Liverpool) has been selected as the 2006 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) New York Region Division III Pitcher of the Year. In addition, both Dougher and junior second baseman Will Groff (Queensbury) have been named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Upstate New York baseball all-star squad.

Dougher, the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Pitcher of the Year each of the past two seasons, finished this spring with a 9-1 record, a 2.12 earned run average and one save in 13 appearances, 11 as a starter. He struck out 64 batters, walked only 17 and allowed 60 hits in 72 and one-third innings. Through three seasons, Dougher has a career 16-3 record with a 1.84 ERA and has lost only once as a starter.

Groff, the SUNYAC Player of the year, batted a team-high .464 with four homers, 10 doubles, two triples and 24 RBI. He led the Red Dragons with 29 stolen bases and 54 runs scored in 46 games. Groff reached base safely by either hit, walk or hit by pitch in each of his final 44 games during the season.

Cortland finished the season with a 39-9 record, the third-highest win total in school history. The Red Dragons won their 25th State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title and placed second in NCAA Division III regional play, one win shy of making their eighth World Series appearance.

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