Ashley Ostrander and Jessica Ueltschi Earn Field Hockey All-America Honors; Five Red Dragons Named to All-North Atlantic Region Squad

SUNY Cortland field hockey junior forward Ashley Ostrander (Whitney Point) and senior midfielder Jessica Ueltschi (Holland Patent) have been named to the first team of the 2003 STX/NFHCA Division III All-America team.

Ostrander and Ueltschi were joined on the All-North Atlantic region first team by freshman forward Kelli Johnson (Elma/Iroquois). Junior sweeper Becky Osier (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) and sophomore midfielder/back Jessica Seren (Gloversville) were both second team all-region selections. In addition, Ostrander and Ueltschi were named to the All-New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) all-star first team. Johnson was a second team all-state honoree and Osier was on the all-state third team.

Ostrander was second on the Red Dragon squad in scoring with 37 points this fall. She finished with 12 goals and tied for the team lead with 13 assists. The State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Player of the Year scored five game-winning goals and tied an NCAA Division III tournament single-game record with three assists in a national quarterfinal win over Williams. Ostrander was a second team All-American in 2002 and has been a first team all-region selection in each of her first three seasons. She is ranked second in career assists at Cortland with 35 and is sixth in career scoring with 105 points (35 goals, 35 assists).

Ueltschi scored eight goals, including three game winners, and tied Ostrander for the team lead with 13 assists this fall. Her 29 points ranked third on the Red Dragon squad. She recorded a goal and an assist in the national quarterfinals versus Williams. Ueltschi represented Cortland at the NFHCA North/South Senior all-star game in Pennsylvania on Nov. 22.

Johnson led Cortland with 22 goals, including six game winners, and 47 total points (three assists). She set a school single-season record for goals by a freshman, eclipsing the previous mark of 13 set by Ostrander in 2001. Johnson tied an NCAA Division III tournament record with seven goals in three games, including three each in wins over Wittenberg and Williams along with the Red Dragons' lone goal in a 2-1 semifinal loss to Middlebury. She scored multiple goals in six games.

Osier finished the season with three goals and four assists for 10 points, while Seren had two goals and one assist for five points. They helped lead a Cortland defense that allowed just 21 goals in 19 games. The Red Dragons posted nine shutouts and gave up only one goal on four other occasions.

Cortland ended the season with a 16-3 record. The Red Dragons made their ninth trip to the Division III “final four” and finished tied for third nationally.

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