Cortland’s Kelli Johnson and Becky Osier Earn Field Hockey All-America Honors; Four Red Dragons on All-Region Team, Three Earn All-NYSWCAA Awards

SUNY Cortland sophomore forward Kelli Johnson (Elma/Iroquois) and senior forward Becky Osier (Morrisville/Morrisville-Eaton) have been named to the 2004 National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III All-America team. Johnson is a first team selection and Osier was chosen to the second team.

Johnson and Osier were also first team NFHCA All-North Atlantic Region selections, while senior back Renee Schwertfeger (Holland Patent) and senior midfielder Judy Slopnick (Mohawk) were on the all-region second team. In addition, Johnson and Osier were first team All-New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) honorees and Schwertfeger was on the all-state third team.

Johnson led Cortland this fall with 48 points on 14 goals and a school single-season record 20 assists. She scored four game-winning goals. A first team all-region selection as a freshman, Johnson has 36 goals and 23 assists for 95 points in just two seasons. She is currently ranked eighth in career scoring and sixth in assists at Cortland.

Osier tied Johnson for the team lead this fall with 14 goals and added four assists for 32 total points, second-best behind Johnson. She led the Red Dragons with six game-winning goals. She made the successful transition to forward this season after earning second team all-region and third team all-state honors as a sweeper last year.

Schwertfeger, a starter in all 19 games, helped lead a defensive unit that posted eight shutouts and allowed one goal in six other contests.

Slopnick finished third on the team with 13 points (four goals, five assists). She scored the game-winning overtime goal in Cortland’s 2-1 win over Juniata College in the NCAA Division III tournament second round. Slopnick earned a spot in the annual North/South Senior All-Star Game, which was played in Westfield, Mass., on Nov. 20.

Cortland finished the season 16-3 and tied for fifth nationally in the NCAA Division III tournament. The Red Dragons won their fifth straight State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title and qualified for the NCAA playoffs for the sixth straight season.