Four Cortland Players Earn Football Gazette All-East Honors

Four members of the SUNY Cortland football team have been chosen to the 2003 *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* Division III All-East Region team. Junior kicker Ryan DeCamp (*Plattsburgh/Seton Catholic*) and senior punter J.J. Tutwiler (*Grand Island*) are second team honorees, while senior offensive tackle James Coughlin (*Bellmore/Mepham*) and freshman free safety Stef Sair (*Huntington*) are third team selections. DeCamp and Tutwiler advance to the national All-America ballot by virtue of their second team status.

DeCamp converted 9-of-13 field goals and 25-of-27 point-after kicks this fall for a team-high 52 points. He made three field goals, including a career-best 43-yarder, in an overtime loss to Rowan and connected on all three of his field goal attempts, including the game winner at the buzzer, in a 16-15 win at NCAA quarterfinalist Ithaca College. He ranked first in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) in PAT percentage, second in field goals per game (0.90) and third in scoring (5.2 points per game).

Tutwiler was the NJAC's leading punter, averaging 37.4 yards per kick with a long of 65 yards. Thirteen of his 56 punts pinned the opposition inside its own 20-yard line. Tutwiler was Cortland's starting quarterback and punter each of the last three seasons.

Coughlin led an offensive line that allowed only 12 sacks in 10 games, the best in the NJAC. Cortland ranked first in the NJAC in rushing offense (180.2 yards per game) and third in total offense (341.1 yards per game). Coughlin started in all 10 of Cortland's games this fall and was a starter in most of his games the previous two seasons.

Sair led the Red Dragons with five interceptions and 10 pass breakups despite playing in only nine of the team's 10 games. He also finished the season with 50 tackles, 28 solo. Sair led the NJAC in interceptions per game (0.56) and was second in total passes defended (interceptions plus pass breakups) with 15.

Cortland finished the season with a 5-5 record and was chosen to compete in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Northwest championship game for the second straight year. The Red Dragons have made 10 post-season appearance since 1988 – four NCAA and six ECAC.

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