Cortland’s Neal Heaton Jr. and Stef Sair Earn Weekly Football Honors

SUNY Cortland senior wide receiver Neal Heaton Jr. (Bellport) has been chosen as the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Offensive Player of the Week and freshman safety Stef Sair (Huntington) has been named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Northwest Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending Sept. 21.

Heaton, who was also selected to the ECAC honor roll, caught eight passes for 93 yards and a touchdown in a 23-20 win at Kean University. He was also the Red Dragons’ leading rusher with 68 yards on two carries, including a 67-yard run on a reverse in the fourth quarter that set up Cortland’s winning touchdown. Heaton currently leads the NJAC in all-purpose yards (138.7 per game) and is second in receptions (5.33 per game) and receiving yards (78.7 per game).

Sair, making his first start of the season, recorded six tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery at Kean. His interception at the Cortland 1-yard line stopped an early Kean scoring threat. His 11-yard fumble return to the Kean 1-yard line set up a Red Dragon touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Cortland is 1-2 overall and 1-1 in NJAC play. The Red Dragons play their first home game this Saturday, Sept. 27, versus Buffalo State at 1 p.m.

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