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Adam Haas, Stef Sair Named to All-East Region Football Team; Five Cortland Players Selected to All-ECAC Southeast Squad

SUNY Cortland sophomore defensive tackle Adam Haas (East Aurora/St. Francis) and sophomore safety Stef Sair (Huntington) have been selected to the 2004 Football Gazette Division III All-East Region second team.

In addition, five Red Dragons have been chosen to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Southeast all-star team. Sair, senior tight end Tony Romano (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) and sophomore linebacker Matt Montpetit (Westhampton Beach) were first team selections. Haas and senior tailback Steve Davis (Central Islip) were honorable mention choices. Cortland was considered part of the ECAC Division III Northwest region in football in previous years, but was reclassified as a Southeast region school this fall to match the other members of the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC).

Haas was the NJAC leader this fall with 9.5 sacks and 14.5 total tackles for losses. He finished fifth on the team with 47 tackles and recorded team-highs of 14 quarterback hurries and two fumble recoveries. The first team All-NJAC selection returned a fumble 21 yards for a touchdown versus The College of New Jersey.

Sair earned All-East honors for the second straight year. He was a third team selection as a freshman. Sair was third on the team and fifth in the NJAC this year with 67 tackles, including a team-high 43 solo stops, and tied for the team lead with three interceptions and 10 pass breakups. A first team All-NJAC choice, his 13 total passes defended was tied for the top spot in the league. Sair’s 68-yard interception return for a touchdown versus William Paterson was tied for the second-longest interception return in school history.

Romano was Cortland’s top receiver this season with 29 catches for 407 yards. He scored two touchdowns, and finished his career with 102 catches for 1,279 yards and 19 touchdowns. He is the first tight end in school history to reach the 100-catch mark, and he is ranked second on the school’s career touchdown reception chart. Romano was a three-time first team All-NJAC selection (2001, 2002, 2004) and was an honorable mention ECAC Northwest all-star in 2002. He was a medical redshirt last year after suffering a season-ending injury in the second game.

Montpetit led the Red Dragons and was second in the NJAC with 9.1 tackles per game (82 total). The first team All-NJAC selection registered 9.5 tackles for lost yardage this fall, including three sacks, and shared the team lead with two forced fumbles. He also had three pass breakups and four quarterback hurries.

Davis averaged 100.7 yards per game rushing this fall – second best in the NJAC. He ran for 906 yards and 10 touchdowns and eclipsed the 100-yard mark six times. In his four-year career, Davis ran for 2,826 yards, the second-highest total in school history, and 27 touchdowns. He was a four-time All-NJAC honoree and was the league’s 2001 Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Cortland finished the season with a 5-4 record, including a 4-2 NJAC record. Three of the Red Dragons’ four losses came versus nationally-ranked teams, including a one-point setback at eventual NJAC champion and national semifinalist Rowan.

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