Adam Haas Named D3football.com East Region Defensive Player of the Year; Haas and Stef Sair Both Earn All-Region and All-ECAC Honors

SUNY Cortland junior defensive tackle Adam Haas (East Aurora/St. Francis) has been named the East Region Defensive Player of the Year by D3football.com.

Haas is a first team All-East selection by the web site and is a first team Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Southeast all-star. Junior safety Stef Sair (Huntington) was also a first team All-ECAC selection and was named to the All-East second team.

Haas finished the season with 53 tackles, including 31 solo stops, in 10 games. He led the Red Dragons with 10.5 sacks and 14.5 total tackles for loss, and ranked 11th nationally in Division III with 1.1 sacks per game. The New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Defensive Player of the Year also finished the season with 17 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, two pass breakups and a fumble recovery that he returned for a touchdown.

Sair recorded 32 solo tackles and 42 total stops in 10 contests. He intercepted four passes, returning one for a touchdown, broke up six other passes and recovered two fumbles. He ranks 39th nationally with 0.3 forced fumbles per game (three total). Sair also excelled as a punt returner, ranking fourth nationally with 17.7 yards per return on 12 attempts. He returned one punt for a touchdown and was stopped a yard short of the end zone on another return.

Cortland finished the regular season with a 7-2 record and tied for first in the NJAC with a 5-1 mark. The Red Dragons earned an at-large berth into the 32-team NCAA Division III playoffs and lost 23-22 at Hobart in the opening round to complete the season 7-3.

The D3football.com All-East team consist of 76 players chosen from 189 nominations by Division III member schools in the NCAA East region. This is the first season that D3football.com, currently in its seventh year, has chosen all-region teams. Haas and Sair are eligible for spots on the All-America squad, which will be announced this weekend at the NCAA Division III championship game (Stagg Bowl) in Salem, Va.

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