Cortland to Open Pre-Season Football Camp Aug. 14

Bobby DeThomasis, Josh Jablonski, Matt Montpetit and Matt Rickert Named Team Captains; Season Begins at SUNY Brockport Sept. 3

Approximately 100 members of the SUNY Cortland football team will be participating in the Red Dragons' 2005 pre-season camp. Players will arrive on campus on Saturday, Aug. 13, and will begin practicing on Sunday, Aug. 14. (NOTE: Media can obtain practice dates/times from the Cortland sports information office at (607) 753-5673).

The Red Dragons were 5-4 last fall, including a third-place record of 4-2 in the seven-team New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). Cortland’s two league losses were by a combined four points -- a one-point setback at eventual NJAC champion and national semifinalist Rowan and a three-point home loss to The College of New Jersey. One of the teams receiving votes in the D3Football.com pre-season poll. Cortland will open the season at SUNY Brockport on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m. The Red Dragons begin the season with three straight road games before hosting Buffalo State (a new NJAC team in 2006) on Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.

Cortland’s team captains for the 2005 season are senior offensive lineman Bobby DeThomasis (Bethpage), junior linebackers Josh Jablonski (West Seneca/West Seneca West) and Matt Montpetit (Westhampton Beach) and sophomore running back Matt Rickert (Holbrook/Sachem).

DeThomasis, a captain for the second straight season, started all nine games at offensive guard last fall. He helped the Red Dragons average an NJAC-leading 155.1 rushing yards per game. Jablonski was second on the Red Dragons last fall with 68 tackles and was also second with five sacks. He led the team with three blocked kicks and also registered an interception and six pass breakups. Montpetit was Cortland’s leading tackler last season with 82 stops, including 9.5 for lost yardage. He forced two fumbles and broke up three passes. Rickert rushed for 238 yards on 45 carries (5.3 yards per carry) from his fullback spot in addition to helping clear the way for tailback Steve Davis, who averaged 100 rushing yards per game.


Cortland will play a nine-game schedule this fall, including four home games in their fourth year in their 6,500-seat stadium. After facing Brockport, the Red Dragons open NJAC play Sept. 10 at The College of New Jersey, followed by a league tilt at Kean the next week. Cortland’s home games include Buffalo State on Sept. 24 and three NJAC games -- Montclair St. (Oct. 1), Rowan (Oct. 15) and Western Connecticut St. (Oct. 29). The Red Dragons also travel to William Paterson for an Oct. 22 league game. The NJAC champion will receive an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Cortland finishes the season at Ithaca College on Nov. 12 in the annual “Cortaca Jug” clash. The rivalry game between the schools, located 20 miles apart, has drawn more than 7,000 fans every year since 1994.
# CORTLAND RED DRAGON FOOTBALL #

## 2005 Schedule ##

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## 2004 Results (5-4 overall, 4-2 NJAC) ##

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* New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) game

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

(All games will be broadcast on WKRT-AM, News Talk 920. All home games are tentatively scheduled for internet broadcast as well.)

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