Cortland’s Barry McLaughlin and Ben Binga
Earn SUNYAC Men’s Ice Hockey Weekly Awards

SUNY Cortland junior forward Barry McLaughlin (Bellport/Bay State Breakers) and freshman goalie Ben Binga (Rochester/Syracuse Stars Jr. A) have been selected as the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) men’s ice hockey Player of the Week and Goalie of the Week, respectively, for the week ending Oct. 22.

McLaughlin scored two goals and assisted on another in Cortland’s 3-0 season-opening win at Brockport on Friday at the non-league SUNYAC Challenge. The following afternoon, McLaughlin assisted on the Red Dragons’ first goal in a 2-1 victory against Fredonia that gave Cortland the tournament title.

Binga was named the SUNYAC Challenge MVP for his efforts between the pipes in Cortland’s two wins. In his collegiate debut, he turned away 37 shots on goal versus Brockport to record Cortland’s first shutout since January 2000. Against Fredonia, he came within six minutes, 47 seconds of posting his second consecutive shutout before allowing a power play goal. He finished the game with 45 saves, including 19 in the third period to preserve the victory.

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