Cortland’s Steve Feltmann Repeats as SUNYAC Men’s Lacrosse Player of the Year; Lelan Rogers Chosen as League Coach of the Year

SUNY Cortland senior goalie Steve Feltmann (Long Valley, NJ/West Morris Central) has been selected as the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) men’s lacrosse Player of the Year for the second straight season by the league’s coaches. Feltmann is one of nine Red Dragons, including six first-team selections, to be chosen to the All-SUNYAC men’s lacrosse squad.

Third-year Cortland head coach Lelan Rogers was voted as the SUNYAC men’s lacrosse Coach of the Year. The Fulton, N.Y., native and Syracuse University alumnus has led the Red Dragons to a 15-2 record this spring and their third straight NCAA Division III tournament appearance. Rogers has an overall record of 42-11 at Cortland and has won three league titles, including both SUNYAC tournaments that have been held. Rogers previously served as head coach at Ohio Wesleyan University from 1991-99, winning North Coast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year honors four times.

Feltmann has a 5.92 goals against average and a 67.6 save percentage in 17 starts this season. He is ranked fifth nationally in Division III in goals against average and is eighth in save percentage. Last spring he earned second team All-America honors while helping the Red Dragons advance to the NCAA quarterinals.

Joining Feltmann on the All-SUNYAC first team are junior attackman Drew Hyatt (Jamesville/Jamesville-DeWitt), freshman attackman Kyle Lambert (Brentwood), junior midfielder Andrew Roth (Ridgewood, NJ/Don Bosco Prep), senior midfielder Derek Elvin (Orchard Park) and junior defenseman Frank Estrella (Suffern).

Hyatt has 24 goals and 22 assists in 16 games in addition to 34 ground balls and two game-winning goals. Lambert leads the Red Dragons with 36 goals and is second on the team with 47 total points. He has scored on 44 percent of his shots (36-of-81) and also has 42 ground balls and two game-winning goals. Roth is second on the team with 28 goals and third with 18 assists for 46 total points and also has 38 ground balls. Elvin has 17 goals and 17 assists for 34 points in 12 games. Estrella has registered 34 ground balls and has anchored a Cortland defensive unit that is ranked seventh nationally in scoring defense, allowing 6.12 goals per game.

Junior midfielder Andrew Pultz (Farmingdale), sophomore long-stick midfielder Dan Mendelson (Massapequa Park/Farmingdale) and senior defenseman Chris Hansen (Penn Yan) were named to the SUNYAC all-league second team. Pultz is Cortland’s faceoff specialist. He has won 60 percent of his faceoffs this year (189-of-313) and easily leads the team with 146 ground balls. He also has four goals and two assists. Mendelson has one assist and 64 ground balls in 17 games and Hansen has 33 ground balls.

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