Sara Gorman Named ECAC Div. Ill Upstate Women’s Lacrosse Player of the Year; Four Cortland Players Named to All-ECAC Team

SUNY Cortland junior attacker Sara Gorman (Lindenhurst) has been chosen as the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Upstate New York women’s lacrosse Player of the Year for the 2003 season.

Gorman was one of four Red Dragons to earn All-ECAC honors. Gorman and freshman defender Erin Gallagher (Carthage) were first team selections. Junior attacker Elizabeth MacNabb (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) was a second team choice and senior attacker Lindsay Maynard (Nashua, NH) earned honorable mention status.

Gorman scored 57 goals and dished out nine assists for a team-high 66 points in 18 games. A late-season injury kept her out of the SUNYAC championship game and limited her playing time in Cortland’s 20-9 loss to eventual national champion Amherst College (Mass.) in the NCAA Division III second round. Gorman led Cortland with 31 caused turnovers and 53 draw controls and was third on the club with 42 ground balls.

Gallagher started all 19 games this spring. She scored three goals, picked up 48 ground balls and caused 18 turnovers. Cortland ranked 15th nationally in Division III in scoring defense (6.95 goals per game).

MacNabb was second on the team in scoring with 45 goals and 14 assists for 59 points. She tallied team-highs of five game-winning goals and 49 ground balls and also amassed 17 caused turnovers and 12 draw controls.

Maynard finished third on the team in scoring with 51 points on 28 goals and a team-high 23 assists. She also grabbed 34 ground balls and caused 13 turnovers in 19 starts.

The Red Dragons finished the season 14-5, including an 8-0 mark in SUNYAC regular season games. Cortland won its fifth straight conference tournament title and qualified for the NCAA Division III playoffs for the fifth straight year.