Four Cortland Players Named to Women’s Lacrosse All-America Team; Six Red Dragons on All-Region Squad and Seven on All-State Team

Four members of SUNY Cortland’s women’s lacrosse team have been chosen to the 2006 Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA)/U.S. Lacrosse Division III All-America team. Junior attacker Jennifer Willis (Huntington/Walt Whitman) has been named to the first team, senior midfielder Erin Lynn (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) is on the second team and junior midfielder Ali Bourgal (Sachem) and senior defender Erin Gallagher (Carthage) are third team selections.

Willis, Bourgal, Gallagher, Lynn and junior attacker Andrea Venditti (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) were all named to the All-Empire Region first team, with senior goalie Regina Grosso (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) earning second team all-region honors. In addition, Willis, Bourgal, Lynn and Grosso are all first team All-New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) choices. Gallagher and Venditti are on the all-state second team and senior defender Dyan Voorhees (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) is a third team honoree.

Willis finished second on the Red Dragon squad this spring with 82 points. She led the team with a school single-season record 36 assists and was third with 46 goals scored. Willis also won a team-high 70 draw controls and was second on the team with 51 ground balls and 23 caused turnovers. Through three seasons, Willis is ranked fifth in career scoring at Cortland with 217 points (142 goals, 75 assists).

Lynn recorded 29 goals and 14 assists for 43 points in 20 games. She also finished the season with 35 ground balls, 23 draw controls and 24 caused turnovers. Bourgal registered 51 goals and 33 assists for a team-high 84 points despite missing two games due to injury early in the season. She led the Red Dragons with 61 ground balls and placed third with 39 draw controls. Bourgal is ranked eighth at Cortland through three seasons with 200 points (133 goals, 67 assists).

Gallagher scored six goals in 20 games while helping lead a defensive unit that allowed only 121 goals in 20 games. Cortland allowed double-figure goals in a game only twice and held opponents to five goals or less nine times. Gallagher recorded 40 ground balls, 20 caused turnovers and 11 draw controls. Venditti tallied a team-high 66 goals this season and was third on the squad with 77 total points. She scored a team-best six game-winning goals and has scored 100 career goals in two seasons with the Red Dragons.

Grosso started all 20 games between the pipes for Cortland this spring. She recorded a 55.5 save percentage and ranked fifth nationally in Division III with a 6.12 goals against average. Voorhees started all 20 games this season and finished with 49 ground balls and 17 caused turnovers.

Cortland finished the season with a 19-1 record, the best in school history. The Red Dragons won their eighth straight State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title and won two NCAA tournament games to earn their first berth into the Division III “final four.” Cortland suffered its lone loss in the national semifinals to Gettysburg.

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