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SUNYAC Coaches Pick Oswego To Win 2006 Ice Hockey Championship

FREDONIA, N.Y. – The State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) men's Ice Hockey coaches have picked Oswego to win the 2006 conference championship. The Lakers received 46 points, with four first-place votes.

The Lakers finished first in the regular season last year with a conference record of 11-3. Oswego was eliminated from the conference playoffs for the second straight year by Plattsburgh, as the Cardinals won 3-2 and 3-1 in the semi-finals. The Lakers will attempt to reclaim the SUNYAC title that they won in 2003.

Plattsburgh was selected second, receiving two first-place votes and 39 points. The Cardinals have been named SUNYAC Champions seven of the last nine years, including the 2004 title. Plattsburgh was seeded fourth in last year's conference tournament and defeated Potsdam and Oswego before losing to Geneseo in the Championship series.

Geneseo and Fredonia finished third in the coaches poll with 35 points each as Geneseo received two first place votes. The Knights won the SUNYAC championship last year for just the second time with a dramatic 5-4 come from behind overtime win against Plattsburgh in game two. Geneseo received an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and was defeated by Trinity College 4-0 in the quarterfinals.

2005-06 SUNYAC Ice Hockey Pre-Season Coaches' Poll

1.	Oswego	46 (4)
2.	Plattsburgh	39 (2)
3.	Geneseo	35 (2)
	Fredonia	35
5.	Potsdam	30
6.	Cortland	16
7.	Brockport	13
8.	Buffalo State	10