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GENESE0 WINS 2007 MEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Geneseo receives automatic bid; Cortland gets at-large vote

FREDONIA, NY – The Geneseo Blue Knights captured the 2007 Men's Lacrosse Championship this past weekend, with a 16-15 victory over top-seeded Cortland. Geneseo received the automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament field of 20, and Cortland was given an at-large bid into the field.

After Geneseo's win over Potsdam in the semifinals 14-8 on Wednesday, the second seeded Knights traveled to top seeded Cortland, whom they lost to 9-7 earlier in the season. The Knights enjoyed a 10-6 edge at halftime behind 3 goals each from **Mike Pizzuto** and **Owahn Bazydlo**. Cortland rallied back in the third period, outscoring the Knights 6-3. **Mike Felice** scored 4 times in the third, while teammate **Adam Hyde** scored the other two goals.

Down 1 going into the final quarter, Cortland knotted the score at 13 three minutes into the period off a goal from **Ryan Heath**. Bazydlo added his 4th goal of the contest to put Geneseo back into the lead and **Tom Costanza** added another for Geneseo, who took a 15-13 lead with 4:14 to play. Cortland's **Billy Fuchs** scored his second goal of the afternoon at 3:30, and a minute later **Joey Morgan** scored his second goal to tie the game at 15. Then, with only 2 seconds left, **Erich Dehm** scored the game winning goal for the Knights, off an assist by Bazydlo. Owahn was named the SUNYAC Tournament co-MVP along with teammate **Phil Gardner**.

Geneseo (9-7) received the automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament as well as a bye into the second round. They will travel to Nazareth (15-2) for their second round match-up. Cortland (12-5) received an at-large bid into the field, and also secured a bye into the second round. They will travel to St. Lawrence (14-1) for their second round match-up. Second round games are scheduled for May 12, 2007.

2007 Men's Lacrosse All-Tournament Team

Owahn Bazydlo – Geneseo co-MVP	Joey Morgan - Cortland
Phil Gardner – Geneseo co-MVP	Mike Felice - Cortland
Tim McDermott – Geneseo	Tim Burns – Oneonta
Mike Pizzuto – Geneseo	Neal Campbell - Oneonta
Steven DuFlo – Geneseo	Brian Hondorf – Potsdam
Ryan Heath – Cortland	Matt Vaverchak – Potsdam
Adam Hyde – Cortland	