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Plattsburgh Men Claim 2005 SUNYAC Soccer Championship
Cardinals, Golden Eagles, and Blue Devils receive NCAA bids

ONEONTA, N.Y. – The Plattsburgh Cardinals won the conference title on Saturday afternoon at the Soccer Hall of Fame Field defeating second seed Brockport 3-0. The Cardinals last won the title in 2000. The Cardinals extend their win streak to 14 games and their shutout streak to six games.

Plattsburgh's senior, **Russ Mitchinson (Northport)**, scored the game winning goal at 33:25 when he received a high pass from **Chris O'Connor (Plattsburgh/U.Maine)** and knocked the ball over Brockport goal keeper **Chris Bedford (Penfield/Maine Central Institute)** to take the 1-0 halftime lead. The Cardinals added an insurance goal when junior **Mark Misiak (Oakville, ONT/White Oaks)** took the ball down the left side of the field and found the back of the net from the top of the box. Junior **Brandon Gilkes (Highland Mills/Herkimer C.C.)** sealed the win for Plattsburgh when he received a through ball from **Ryan Forsberg (Endicott/Herkimer C.C.)**.

Bedford made six saves in net for the Golden Eagles and senior goalkeeper **Zach Manning (Endicott/Union Endicott)** earned the win in net for Plattsburgh with four saves. Manning was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player.

The State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) has three teams participating in the Men's Division III Soccer Tournament. Plattsburgh received the automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament by claiming the SUNYAC title. Brockport and Fredonia received at-large bids into the tournament. The Golden Eagles (14-3-1) will host Nazareth (16-9-5) in an opening round game on Wednesday November 9. The winner of that game will advance to play at Plattsburgh State (19-1-0) on Saturday November 12. Fredonia (15-3-3) will meet Carnegie Mellon (13-2-1) at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in a first-round game at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

2005 All-Tournament Team

Zach Manning, Plattsburgh (Tournament MVP)
Jason Sousa, Plattsburgh
Chris O'Connor, Plattsburgh
Alex Deckert, Plattsburgh
Chris Bedford, Brockport
Kevin Hauck, Brockport
Aaron Acello, Brockport
Jim Felluca, Geneseo
Chris Billoni, Geneseo
Vincenzo Alfieri, Fredonia
Matt Mahaffey, Fredonia