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PLATTSBURGH SELECTED TO WIN SUNYAC CHAMPIONSHIP

FREDONIA, N.Y. – The Plattsburgh men’s soccer team has been picked by the SUNYAC coaches to win the 2005 SUNYAC Championship, receiving six of ten first-place votes and 95 total points. The Cardinals won the SUNYAC regular season title for the second straight season with a 6-1-2 record, before dropping the title game. Plattsburgh finished the season with a second place finish in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship and a 15-4-3 record overall.

Geneseo was selected second with 83 points and four first place votes. In 2004, the Knights completed their season with a 17-5-2 overall record and won their first SUNYAC title by overcoming top seeded Plattsburgh 1-0 on their way to reaching the final four in the NCAA Division III tournament. Geneseo defeated RIT, Keene St. (NH), Wheaton (MA), and Williams (MA) before losing 3-1 to UC Santa Cruz in the semifinals.

Fredonia was third with 74 points ending 2004 with a 5-2-2 record in conference play and 10-6-3 overall. The Blue Devils posted 10 shutouts, six of nine in SUNYAC play. Fredonia competed in the SUNYAC tournament and lost 3-2 to Brockport in the quarterfinals.

Brockport came in fourth with 73 points and completed the 2004 season with a 14-4-3 record. The Golden Eagles lost 4-0 to Plattsburgh in the SUNYAC semifinals. Brockport went on to compete in the ECAC tournament and lost to Plattsburgh on the fifth round of penalty kicks after tying 1-1 in regulation, and remaining scoreless through two overtimes in the semifinals.

The conference season begins Friday, September 16.

2005 SUNYAC Men’s Pre-Season Poll

1. Plattsburgh (6)	95
2. Geneseo (4)	83
3. Fredonia	74
4. Brockport	73
5. Cortland	58
6. New Paltz	53
7. Buffalo State	43
8. Oswego	30
9. Potsdam	23
10. SUNYIT	18

(First-Place Votes in Parenthesis)