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**PLATTSBURGH SOFTBALL ADVANCES TO SALEM; CORTLAND FALLS IN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

FREDONIA, NY – The Cortland Red Dragons and Plattsburgh Cardinals were both selected to play in the 2007 NCAA Softball Championship. Cortland received the automatic bid after winning the SUNYAC title, and Plattsburgh was given an at-large bid into the field. Both teams met in the Championship game of the NCAA regional bracket in a rematch of the SUNYAC title game.

During the season, the two teams played each other four times, with Cortland coming out on top each game. However, as the fourth seed in the region, Plattsburgh won every game in the regional bracket, including a 4-0 win over top ranked Rochester, a 1-0 win over 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked Ithaca, and a 10-1 victory over the 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Cortland Red Dragons in the Championship game. Cortland started the regional with a win over Elms 9-1, but was forced into the losers bracket with a loss to Ithaca 5-1. With their next loss meaning elimination, the Red Dragons sent Rochester home with a 3-0 victory and revenged their loss to Ithaca by sending them home after a 7-4 win, before falling to Plattsburgh in the final.

Having won the regional bracket, Plattsburgh (35-12) will join 7 other teams in Salem Virginia for the NCAA Division III Championship. They enter the tournament as the 7<sup>th</sup> seed and will have to get by Washington-St. Louis (32-5) in the first round. The double elimination tournament will begin May 18, and the 2007 Division III Champion will be crowned on Monday May 21 (or the 22<sup>nd</sup> if a 15<sup>th</sup> game is needed). To view the Championship brackets, please visit [www.sunyac.com](http://www.sunyac.com), or the NCAA website at [www.ncaasports.com/softball/womens](http://www.ncaasports.com/softball/womens).