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CORTLAND WOMEN'S LACROSSE REACHES NCAA SECOND ROUND

Brockport Eagles make ECAC Finals

FREDONIA, NY – The SUNY Cortland Women's Lacrosse team was the only SUNYAC team to make the field of 24 in this year's NCAA Tournament. The Red Dragons received the automatic bid into the Tournament, after capturing the 2007 SUNYAC Championship with a 12-3 win over Brockport in the finals.

In the first round, Cortland (14-3) hosted Western New England (14-5) and cruised to an easy victory 16-4, giving Cortland their 13th consecutive victory. SUNYAC Player of the Year **Ali Bourgal** led the Red Dragons with 4 goals, along with teammate and First Team All-Conference player **Jessilyn Fritz**, who also scored 4 times.

The next test for the Red Dragons came against 5th ranked College of New Jersey, whom the Dragons had already fell to 6-8 in the beginning of the season. Cortland jumped out to a 4-2 lead after the first half, but couldn't hold the lead and regulation ended with a 6-6 tie. During the first overtime, Bourgal scored on a free position shot to give the Red Dragons a one goal lead, but with 20 seconds left, The College of New Jersey knotted the score and sent the match into the second overtime. With only 24 seconds remaining in the second overtime period, Karen Doane scored her 4th goal of the contest and ended Cortland's bid for the National Championship. Bourgal, Fritz, and **Andrea Vendetti** scored two goals apiece for Cortland, and goalkeeper **Deanne Abell** stopped 12 shots in the game.

The Brockport Eagles were the lone SUNYAC team selected to play in the ECAC Championship. As the top seed in the Tournament, the first opponent was Farmingdale. The Eagles won easily 18-5 and went into the Championship game against Vassar. Trailing for most of the game, Brockport scored 4 times in 10 minutes late in the second half to knot the score at 9. With only 1:32 left in the game, Vassar scored the game winning goal to capture the ECAC Championship 10-9. SUNYAC Rookie of the Year **Lexie Goodhart** had 2 goals in the Championship game along with **Carrie Kane** and **Kim Morris**. **Ashley Taylor** made 7 stops for the Eagles who ended their season at 13-5 overall.