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ONEONTA WOMEN VOTED #1 IN 2007 PRESEASON POLL

FREDONIA, N.Y. – The Oneonta women’s soccer team sits atop the SUNYAC preseason coaches’ poll, receiving seven first-place votes and 134 (of 144) total points. Ranked 17th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division III poll, the Red Dragons will be coached by former star player Liz McGrail, who takes over for Tracey Ranieri.

Oneonta, which went 18-3-1 and 10-0 in the SUNYAC, now owns an NCAA-best 95-game conference unbeaten streak (93-0-2). It returns nine starters from the 2006 team which lost to Rochester in the NCAA Tournament’s second round.

Defending SUNYAC champ Brockport received 130 points – and two first-place votes – as it was ranked second in the preseason poll. In 2006, the Golden Eagles were 16-3-1 overall and 9-1 in SUNYAC play. They went to NCAAs, but fell to Ithaca in the first round.

Cortland (119) and Geneseo (117), are ranked third and fourth, respectively. The Knights won two games during SUNYACs, including a penalty-kick upset of top-seed Oneonta, before losing to Brockport in the championship game. Cortland lost to Brockport in the semifinals.

Conference play will begin on Saturday, September 15.

2007 SUNYAC Women’s Preseason Poll

1. Oneonta (7)	134
2. Brockport (2)	130
3. Cortland (1)	119
4. Geneseo (2)	117
5. Plattsburgh	90
6. Fredonia	82
7. Buffalo State	73
8. New Paltz	63
9. Oswego	52
10. Potsdam	37
11. SUNYIT	22
12. Morrisville*	16

(first-place votes in parentheses)

* *ineligible for SUNYAC postseason play*