

Men's Basketball (22-6/13-5 SUNYAC)

Feb. 20th vs Cortland, W 66-55 (SUNYAC Semifinal at Plattsburgh)

SUNY Oneonta senior **Brian Beckford (Brooklyn/Christ the King)** scored a season high 25 points to go with 15 rebounds to lead the men's basketball team past rival Cortland last Friday in the first semifinal game of the SUNYAC tournament at Plattsburgh.

The win for Oneonta gives them 22 wins on the season, which establishes a new single season mark set back in 1976-77. The victory also put Oneonta in the championship game of the SUNYAC tournament, which is only the second time ever and the first since 1991.

"This was a big win for the program," said Beckford after the game. "I am proud to be a part of history at Oneonta and to be a part of the team that made history. We are looking forward to playing tomorrow in the championship game."

Junior **Troy Talbot (Brooklyn/The School for Legal Studies)** also reached double figures as he added 14 points including four points down the stretch when Oneonta only had a four-point lead late.

When asked about the significance of the win, Talbot said, "At the end of last season we all set goals individually and as a team. It feels amazing to see all of our hard work pay off. I am very excited to be a part of something special."

A traditional three-point play by Talbot gave Oneonta a 48-37 lead at the 13:42 mark of the second half. It was Oneonta's first double-digit lead since the 5:39 mark of the first half.

The two teams traded baskets during the next four minutes as Oneonta continued to lead by four points at 56-52 at the 5:30 mark. The two teams would then go scoreless for three minutes until a pair of free throws by Talbot started Oneonta's game-ending spurt to victory.

After a missed layup by Cortland, Talbot hit a jumper on the ensuing possession to give Oneonta a 60-52 lead with 1:42 left in the contest. Beckford sealed the deal with four free throws in the final minute of lay for the final margin of victory.

Oneonta had an early 9-6 lead on a dunk by Beckford at the 14:48 mark of the first half. Oneonta began to create some breathing room and built a lead of 11 points at the 5:39 mark on a dunk by senior **Kevin Walsh (Middletown/Minisink Valley)**.

Feb. 23rd at Plattsburgh, L 67-60 (Finals of SUNYAC tournament)

Four players scored in double figures for SUNY Oneonta, but it wasn't enough to get past Plattsburgh in the championship game of the SUNYAC tournament last Saturday. Junior Talbot led the Red Dragons with 18 points, but Oneonta came up on the short end of a 67-60 score. Talbot, along with Beckford and junior **Shane Gillette (Hurley/Kingston)** were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Oneonta led 37-30 at halftime and continued to hold the lead through the first 10 minutes of the second half. Plattsburgh began chipping away at the Oneonta lead right out of intermission, but didn't finally catch the Red Dragons until the 9:01 mark on a layup.

The Cardinals built its lead to seven points three times during the final nine minutes, but Oneonta continued to battle back and got as close as four points with 33 seconds to go on a layup by junior **Derek Hahn (Youngsville/Sullivan West)**.

After a 30-second timeout, Oneonta picked up its defensive intensity and turned it into 12 unanswered points. Troy scored five of his 14 first half points during the run as the Red Dragons took its first lead of the game at the 12:40 mark, 17-15.

The 12 straight points ended up being a 28-5 run, which gave the Red Dragons a commanding 33-20 lead with 5:39 left in the first half. The run was capped by a three-pointer by junior **Brian Hooks (Cohoos/Shaker)**.

Beckford, Gillette and Hooks all had 10 points in the game for Oneonta. Beckford also had a team high six rebounds and three blocks.

Women's Basketball (17-10/14-4 SUNYAC)

Feb. 20th vs New Paltz, L 82-79 4OT (SUNYAC Semi-finals at Cortland)

Oneonta's season ended on a 4 overtime loss to New Paltz, 82-79, in the semi-finals of the SUNYAC Tournament at Cortland last Friday.

Madison Slagle (Rome/Rome Catholic) finished with a game-high 27 points and added eight rebounds. **Erika Puffer (Unadilla/Unatego)** had a double-double with 18 points and a game-high 16 rebounds and **Samantha Szkotak (New York Mills/New York Mills)** had 10 points. **Rebecca Bucci (Marlboro/Our Lady of Lourdes)** and **Mary Kate O'Connell (Altamont/Guilderland)** finished with six points and 10 rebounds a piece.

Oneonta jumped out to a 10-0 lead four minutes into the game and continued to build their lead to 14 at the half.

The Hawks cut the lead to six with 11 minutes to go, but the Red Dragons score four straight to take a 40-30 lead with nine minutes, 46 seconds to go. The Hawks stepped their game up to the next level as they took a two point lead with a 20-8 run over the next seven minutes. Oneonta tied the game on Puffer lay-up and took the lead on a Slagle jumper with 56 seconds to go.

In the first overtime, Oneonta built up a five point advantage, but the Hawks fought back. The second overtime, it was the Hawks who built up a four lead, but Red Dragons sent the game in another overtime with a Slagle three-pointer and a free throw by Puffer. The third overtime featured another quick start by the Hawks, but only to see the Red Dragons send it to the fourth overtime on lay-up by Slagle. "I give credit to Oneonta, they made shots when it counted and they kept fighting until the end" added Seward.

Track & Field

Feb. 27th, SUNYAC Championships at Hobart/William Smith College

The men took fourth place overall with 75 points. The men had two individual champions as well to go with one relay champion.

Capturing individual conference titles on the men's side was junior **Durrell Cull (Rome/Rome Free Academy)** and freshman **Dustin Cox (Pulaski/Pulaski)**. Cull won the 55-meter dash while Cox won the high jump. Cox cleared 6'-5-1/2" to win the high jump by two inches. Cull's victory in the 55 made it two years in a row that Oneonta has won the event. Oddly enough last year's winner, Joe Reed, was a high school teammate of Cull's. Cull's winning time was 6.41, which was faster than Reed's winning time at last year's meet. Cull also contributed five points with his fourth place finish in the 200.

Oneonta made it two straight wins in the 1600 relay as well as the

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winning foursome set a meet record, which was set by Oneonta last year. Last year's relay foursome went on to win the Div. III national title. This year's foursome included junior **Sean Daly (Weedsport/Weedsport)**, who is the lone holdover from last year's group. Daly also was second in the 800 to score eight points for Oneonta individually. Rounding out the relay that finished in a time of 3:21.74 was junior **Tim Greenberg (Oneonta/Oneonta)**, and freshmen **Sean Wren (Delanson/Duanesburg)** and **Sean Bernstein (Baldwinsville/Baldwinsville)**. Bernstein added six points to the team's overall score with a third place finish in the 200 in a time of 22.48. Wren scored four points after finishing fifth in the 400.

Junior **Frank Pfaffenberger (Warwick/Warwick Valley)** and freshman **Nate Weber (LaFayette/Patchogue-Medford)** scored points for Oneonta with fourth and sixth place finishes respectively in the 800. Pfaffenberger and Weber were also half the DMR that took second in a time of 10:39.57. The other half of the foursome was senior **Fred Romer (Garrison/Walter Panas)** and freshman **Ben Reynolds (Endicott/Maine-Endwell)**. Rounding out the scoring for Oneonta was senior **Kevin Harding (Pearl River/Pearl River)**, who took fifth place in the 35-lbs. weight throw with a distance of 46'-9-1/2".

The women finished third with 85 points, which was its best finish since 2006 when it placed second overall. The women came home with two individual SUNYAC champions and two relay champions.

Leading the women was junior **Liz Maziejka (Fort Edward/Hudson Falls)**, who claimed an individual SUNYAC title in the 400 meters while taking a second championship as part of the 1600-meter relay. She also finished third in the 200-meter dash to finish the day with 18.5 points. Maziejka's time in winning the 400 was 58.94, faster than last year's winning time while her time in the 200 was 26.33.

The next top performer on the women's side was sophomore **Lauren Brunetto (Fishkill/Beacon)**, who won her first indoor 800-meter run title. Last spring she captured the outdoor 800 title. Her winning time of 2:17.00 was faster, by three seconds, than last year's winning time at the meet. Brunetto won a second conference title as part of the 1600-meter relay.

The other two legs of the winning 1600 relay belonged to junior **Kristen Catanese (Baldwin/Kellenberg)** and freshman **Carolyn Nasr (Lagrangeville/Arlington)**. The winning time for the relay was 4:03.28, which was well ahead of the second place foursome from Cortland by four seconds.

Oneonta's second relay title came in the distance medley relay, which is made up of a 400, 800, 1200 and 1600. Freshman **Lindsay Romaine (Holbrook/Sachem)** led off with the 1200 and handed the baton to junior **Lacie Newland (Gloversville/Gloversville)**, who ran a 400. Freshman, **Allie Dimura (Albany/Guilderland)** then ran the 800 leg before handing off to classmate **Molly Hassett (Delmar/Bethlehem)**, who took it home for Oneonta. The foursome set a meet record coming across the finish line in a time of 12:46.97, which was nearly four seconds better than the second place team from Geneseo.

Nasr, Dimura, Romaine and Hassett also scored points for the Red Dragons in their individual events. Nasr and Dimura both scored their points in the 800, finishing third and seventh respectively. Nasr came across in a time of 2:18.72 to score six points while Dimura crossed the line in a time of 2:23.45 to score two points. Hassett and Romaine came through with points in the 1 mile, coming in sixth and fifth place respectively. Romaine came in with a time of 5:17.77 and Hassett finished in a time of 5:18.98.

In the field events, Oneonta had four athletes place in the top eight to record points. This group was led by sophomore **Sarah Timmons (Schodack/Maple Hill)**, who was second in the 20-lbs. weight throw and fifth in the shot put to register 12 points on the day. In the weight throw, she reached 46'-10-1/4" while throwing 35'-5-3/4" in the shot put. Senior **Jillian Bley (East Greenbush/Columbia)** and freshman **Kate Parsons (East Greenbush/Ichabod Crane)** placed fifth and seventh respectively in the weight throw. The final field event athlete to score was freshman **Kacy Boburka (Binghamton/Chenango)**, who was fourth in the high jump tying the school record of 5'-3-1/2".

Women's Lacrosse (2-0/0-0 SUNYAC)

Feb. 23rd at Virginia Wesleyan, W 20-11

Last Thursday Oneonta had an 8-7 lead at halftime, but quickly put the game away en route to a 20-11 win. Freshman **Caroline Tulley (Malverne/Sacred Heart)** scored four of her six goals in the game to lead the second half surge. Junior **Rosemarie Fazio (Mohegan Lake/Lakeland)** scored a pair of goals in each half to finish with four goals in the contest.

Annelise Muscietta (Lindenhurst/Walter O'Connell Copiague) made nine stops to pick up her second win of the season.

Men's Lacrosse (1-0/0-0 SUNYAC)

Feb. 27th at Mary Washington, W 12-5

Oneonta won its opening game of the 2010 season with a 12-5 defeat of Mary Washington last Saturday.

Oneonta outshot the Eagles, 38-24 and had 38 ground balls. Freshman **Mike Salerno (West Babylon/West Babylon)** scored 4 goals on 5 shots for his first points of his collegiate career.

Junior **Tom Kelly (Lake Peekskill/Putnam Valley)** scored

3 goals for the Red Dragons. Seniors **Steve Loesch (Massapequa/St. Anthony's)** and **Andrew Gallo (Plainview/Bethpage)**, junior **Brian Kollar (East Islip/East Islip)** and sophomore **Blair Hanson (Fayetteville/Fayetteville-Manlius)** each had a goal.

Junior goalkeeper **Sean Reynolds (Bethpage/Bethpage)** earned the win for the Red Dragons registering 9 saves for the game.

Softball (4-3/0-0 SUNYAC)

Feb 27th - Mar 4th (Spring Trip to Clermont, Florida)

Feb. 27th vs. Augustana, W 6-5

Oneonta opened its 2010 softball season with a win against Augustana, 6-5, last Saturday in Clermont, Florida.

Sophomore **Jessica Bartalsky (New Paltz/New Paltz)** gave up 6 hits in 6 2/3 innings with 2 strikeouts on her way to earning the victory as pitcher for Oneonta.

Junior **Bethany Truax (South Glens Falls/South Glens Falls)** went 3-4 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored. Senior **Aly Helstrom (Montgomery/Valley Central)** went 2-3 with 2 RBI's and 1 run scored for the Red Dragons.

Feb. 28th vs. Marywood, Double header (1st game) W 11-0, (2nd game) W 4-3

Oneonta State put up eight runs over two innings and cruised to an 11-0 win in five innings in the opener but Marywood University battled with the Red Dragons before falling 4-3 in the nightcap.

Jessica Iuliano (Haworth, NJ/Northern Valley Regional) got the win on the mound for Oneonta State after pitching a complete-game one-hitter to go along with 10 strikeouts. Oneonta State scored five in the second and three in the third before adding three in the fifth to secure their second win of the year.

Oneonta got 3 hits from **Jill Serarro (Hopewell Jct/John Jay)** and 2 hits from **Sam Voncina (Derby/Lake Shore)**, **Kraus, Meg Beditz (Troy/Troy)**, and **Stacey Donald (Saugerties/Saugerties)**.

In the nightcap, sophomore Bartalsky earned her second win of the season as pitcher, striking out 11, allowing 0 earned runs on 5 hits. The Red Dragons got the winning run in the sixth inning to escape with a 4-3 win. Marywood had an early 2-0 lead after two and a half innings, but Oneonta tied it up in third with a two-run frame of their own.

Leading the way was Voncina with 2 hits and **Katie Hackenburg (Queensbury/Queensbury)** had her 1st triple of the season.

Mar. 1st vs. Messiah, L 8-0; Mary Washington, W 6-4

Oneonta split last Monday, dropping their opening game to Messiah 8-0 and picking up the win in the second game over Mary Washington 6-4.

Against Messia, Iuliano allowed one earned run in the loss after 6 innings of work. The Red Dragons did not register a hit as Messiah shut them out in 6 innings.

Oneonta turned it around after their first loss.

Junior Hackenburg went 3-3 on the day while the Red Dragons also got 3 hits from Serarro. Truax and Kraus each had 2 hits and Voncina had her first double of the 2010 season.

Bartalsky earned her third victory of the season for Oneonta allowing 1 run on 5 hits to go along with 2 strikeouts.

Mar. 3rd vs. Capital, L 4-3; Thiel, L 8-7

Oneonta dropped a pair of game last Wednesday on their Florida trip. In the opener of the day, they lost a close game to Capital, 4-3.

Serarro had all three RBI's for the Red Dragons to go along with a 3-3 day with 2 doubles. Hackenburg was 2-3 with two runs scored.

In the second game of the day, Oneonta lost another close game to Thiel 8-7.

Leading the way for the Red Dragons was Hackenburg, going 2-3 with 2 RBI's. Also picking up multiple hits was Truax, who went 2-4 with a double and Voncina picked up her second double of the season.