CORTLAND, N.Y. – SUNY Cortland opened its 2006 season with a 6-3 victory over SUNY Oneonta. Cortland rallied from one-set deficits in both first and second singles to win the final two matches and hold off the guests.

Cortland trailed 2-1 after doubles play but won five of six singles matches. The Red Dragons led 4-3 with two matches remaining, but had to come from behind to both of those contests to secure the win. At first singles, senior Amanda Husson (Middletown) lost the first set to Oneonta senior Nicole Lindell (East Greenbush/Columbia) 6-2, but won the next two sets 6-4 and 6-1. At second singles, junior Natalie Fernandes (Syracuse/Liverpool) lost 6-3 in the first set to freshman Katie Wlodarczyk (Avoca/Campbell-Savona) but posted 6-1 and 6-0 wins in the final two sets.

Senior Andrea TerBush (Liberty) won 6-4, 6-1 at third singles, sophomore Meg Cole (Homer) won 6-3, 6-3 at fourth singles and sophomore Amanda McElroy (Clinton) won 6-3, 6-1 at fifth singles for Cortland. Oneonta’s lone singles victory was a 6-0, 6-0 shutout by sophomore Alison Pearlman (Hopewell Junction/John Jay) at sixth singles.

Oneonta took a 2-1 lead with wins by Lindell and Wlodarczyk at first doubles, 8-2, and sophomore Kristen Donnelly (East Islip) and junior Elise Perigard (Manlius/Bishop Grimes) at third doubles, 8-4. The Cortland second doubles team of Cole and TerBush earned an 8-4 win.

Cortland will host Le Moyne College on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Women’s Tennis Match Summary

Final Score: Cortland 6, Oneonta 3

Doubles:
1) Nicole Lindell/Katie Wlodarczyk (ON) def. Amanda Husson/Natalie Fernandes 8-2
2) Meg Cole/Andrea TerBush (C) def. Dana Kuroski/Zirka Markewycz 8-4
3) Kristen Donnelly/Elise Perigard (ON) def. Merchon Brower/Amanda McElroy 8-4

Singles:
1) Amanda Husson (C) def. Nicole Lindell 6-4, 6-1
2) Natalie Fernandes (C) def. Katie Wlodarczyk 3-6, 6-1, 6-0
3) Andrea TerBush (C) def. Zirka Markewycz 6-4, 6-1
4) Meg Cole (C) def. Dana Kuroski 6-3, 6-3
5) Amanda McElroy (C) def. Elise Perigard 6-3, 6-1
6) Allison Pearlman (ON) def. Merchon Brower 6-0, 6-0

(Records after match: Cortland (Red Dragons) 1-0; Oneonta (Red Dragons) 0-2)