Three Cortland Volleyball Players Earn All-America Honors; Four Red Dragons on All-Region Team

Senior outside hitter Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)), senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) and freshman outside hitter Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) have been named honorable mention Division III All-Americans by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

The Red Dragon trio were also selected as AVCA New York Region first team all-stars. Senior middle hitter Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) was an honorable mention all-region choice.

Smith, the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division MVP, finished the season with 358 kills, a .292 hitting percentage, 505 digs and 64 aces. She led the team in digs and was second in both kills and aces. Smith finished her career ranked third at Cortland with 1,207 kills and third with 1,856 digs.

McMullen recorded 1,327 assists, the third-highest single-season total in school history. She also had 153 kills, a .389 hitting percentage, 280 digs, 84 blocks and a team-high 70 aces. McMullen is the third player in school history to surpass 3,000 career assists. She ranks third at Cortland with 3,118 assists and, with one year of eligibility remaining, is within striking distance of career leader Adriane Battaglioli’s 4,326 assists.

Brody enjoyed a solid freshman season with a team-best 414 kills, a .319 hitting percentage, 345 digs, 51 aces and 51 blocks. She was named both the SUNYAC East First Year Player of the Year and the New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) Rookie of the Year.

Pietrzak completed the season with 317 kills, 56 aces, 258 digs and a team-high 139 blocks. She ranks second at Cortland with 477 career blocks and fourth with a career .319 hitting percentage.

Cortland finished the season with a 44-3 record, which included a school-record 39-match winning streak after the Red Dragons lost their opening match. Cortland won its 12th SUNYAC title and made its 17th NCAA Division III tournament appearance. The Red Dragons finished tied for ninth in the national tournament. They received a bye in the first round and defeated Nazareth in the second round before losing to eventual national runner-up NYU in third-round action.

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