Cortland's Katie Brody Named NYSWCAA Volleyball Rookie of the Year; Andrea Smith, Jamie McMullen Chosen to All-NYSWCAA Team

SUNY Cortland freshman outside hitter Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) has been selected as the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) volleyball 2003 Rookie of the Year and seniors Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) and Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) have been chosen to the NYSWCAA all-state team. The awards were announced prior to the start of the NYSWCAA tournament at St. Lawrence.

Brody entered this weekend's tournament with 340 kills (3.51 per game), a .347 hitting percentage, 47 aces and 274 digs (2.82 per game) in 97 games. She leads the Red Dragons in kills and kills per game and is second in digs. She ranks fourth on the state charts in hitting percentage.

McMullen started the weekend with a state-best 10.97 assists per game. She is also ranked fourth in the state with 0.63 aces per game (61 total) in 98 games. McMullen is hitting at a .431 clip (117 kills, 14 errors in 239 attempts) and averages 2.21 digs per game (217 total).

Smith began the state tournament second on the Red Dragon squad with 300 kills (2.94 per game) and first in digs with 406 (3.98 per game). She is hitting .332 and has 55 aces.

Cortland was 38-1 prior to the state tournament. The Red Dragons won their quarterfinal match versus Vassar before losing to Nazareth in the semifinals to snap their school-record 39-match winning streak. Cortland defeated Ithaca to finish in third place.

NYSWCAA Coach of the Year:
Ed Caeser, NYU

NYSWCAA Player of the Year:
Katya Khmelnitskaya, NYU

NYSWCAA Defensive Player of the Year:
Becky Herman, Skidmore

NYSWCAA Rookie of the Year:
Katie Brody, Cortland

First Team All-State:
Alison Archambault, Russell Sage
Alicia Boscarello, Elmira
Erin Hanlon, Oswego
Erin Hutchinson, Plattsburgh
Susan Johnson, Rochester
Tricia Jones, Nazareth
Courtney Lambert, Skidmore
Liz Loveless, Rochester
Jen Maziarz, Plattsburgh
Jamie McMullen, Cortland
Andrea Smith, Cortland
Kristen Wheaton, Elmira

Honorable Mention:
Sarah Ballard, RIT; Liz Geist, Fredonia
McKenzie Johnson, Vassar; Darryl Manzer, Skidmore
Julia Roth, Ithaca; Christine Stoklosa, Geneseo

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