Cortland’s Andrea Smith Honored as SUNYAC East Volleyball MVP;
Katie Brody Chosen as Division's Top First Year Player

SUNY Cortland senior outside hitter Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/ Frontier Central (NY)) has been named the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) East division women's volleyball Most Valuable Player and freshman outside hitter Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) has been chosen as the SUNYAC East First Year Player of the Year in a vote of the league's coaches. In addition, senior middle hitter Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) joined Smith on the SUNYAC East all-star first team and senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) was an honorable mention all star.

Smith completed the regular season with 342 kills, second-best on the team, along with a team-high 492 digs in 45 matches. She is also second on the team with 63 aces. Smith is ranked third in school history with 1,191 kills and is also third with 1,843 career digs.

Brody has a .336 hitting percentage with a team-best 407 kills in her freshman campaign. She also ranks second on the team with 330 digs.

Pietrzak is Cortland’s leader with 137 blocks. She also has 301 kills and a .361 hitting percentage. Pietrzak is ranked second at Cortland with 475 career blocks, 15 shy of matching the school record (490, Kate Hachadourian, 1995-99).

McMullen has 1,280 assists and leads the SUNYAC with 10.76 assists per game. She is also hitting at a .405 clips and leads the Red Dragons with 68 aces. She is the third player in school history to surpass 3,000 career assists. She has 3,071 assists and still has one year of eligibility remaining, putting her in striking distance of the school record of 4,326 held by Adriane Battaglioli (1995-98).

Cortland is 43-2 and will be the second seed at a six-team NCAA Division III regional at NYU. The Red Dragons will receive a bye into the second round of the tournament and will play on Friday, Nov. 14, versus either Nazareth College of St. Joseph's College (N.Y.)

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