NEW YORK CITY – Senior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) and junior Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) each recorded 11 kills as SUNY Cortland defeated Nazareth College, 3-0, in the second round of the NCAA Division III women's volleyball playoffs at New York University. The Red Dragons (44-2) won by game scores of 30-28, 30-25 and 30-14.

Cortland, the second seed in the six-team regional, will face top-seeded NYU in the regional final Saturday at 7 p.m. NYU was a 30-17, 30-15, 30-27 winner over Skidmore in Friday's second match. The Cortland-NYU winner will advance to the national quarterfinals on Nov. 22. Cortland is in the national “round-of-16” for the sixth time since 1996 and will be looking to advance to the quarterfinals for the fifth time in that stretch.

Smith finished with 11 kills and nine digs while Loughlin added 11 kills and four blocks. Senior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) registered nine kills and only one error in 16 attempts for a .500 hitting percentage. She also had a team-best three aces. Senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) contributed 27 assists and junior Barbie Lang (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) had six digs and two aces.

Tricia Jones led Nazareth with 12 kills and Heather Nichols had seven kills. Ashley Mokan recorded 28 assists. Cortland hit .233 as a team, finishing with 39 kills and 15 errors in 103 attempts. The Red Dragons hit .286 in the second game and .273 in the third game. Cortland held Nazareth to a .019 hitting percentage (29 kills, 27 errors in 108 attempts), including minus-.125 in the final game.