NEW YORK CITY – The SUNY Cortland women's volleyball team had its season come to a close with a 3-0 loss to host NYU in the third round of the NCAA Division III tournament. The Red Dragons finish the season with a 44-3 record. The Violets (38-4) advance to the national quarterfinals for the first time in school history and will face Juniata College (38-0) next Saturday at a site and time to be announced.

NYU defeated Cortland by scores of 30-15, 32-30 and 30-25. The Red Dragons were held to a season-low .078 hitting percentage, registering 23 kills and 14 errors in 115 attempts. The Violets hit .217 for the match and had 13 service aces.

Senior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) led Cortland with seven kills and a .286 hitting percentage. Junior Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) had five kills, two aces and three blocks and senior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) added five kills and four digs.

Freshman Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) finished with four kills and a team-best 11 digs. Senior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) had 20 assists, four digs and a team-high four blocks.

NYU was led by Jennifer Gardikas’ 17 kills and Vanessa Biegen’s 14 kills and .524 hitting percentage. Martha Gardikas had 15 digs and Katya Khmelnitskaya finished with 41 assists.

Cortland was making its 17th NCAA Division III tournament appearance. The Red Dragons have advanced to the “round-of-16” six times since 1996, including four quarterfinal showings.