SUNY Cortland Women’s Volleyball

at Day 1 of SUNYAC East Round Robin
Friday, October 24, 2003; at New Paltz, N.Y.

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. – Cortland improved its SUNYAC Eastern division record to 7-0 with two victories on Friday at the divisional round robin at SUNY New Paltz. The Red Dragons defeated New Paltz and Potsdam, both by 3-0 scores, to extend their school-record winning streak to 34 straight matches.

Cortland (34-1) will face SUNYIT at 10 a.m., Plattsburgh at 2 p.m. and Oneonta at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Oneonta is currently 6-1 in divisional play. The division winner, which will be determined after Saturday’s action, will host the SUNYAC tournament Nov. 7-8. The top three teams from both the East and West divisions qualify for the tournament, with the division winners receiving byes into the semifinals.

Cortland defeated New Paltz 30-26, 30-20, 30-21. Junior Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) led the Red Dragons with eight kills, four blocks and two aces. Senior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) also recorded eight kills and four blocks and senior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) had seven kills, 18 digs and two aces. Senior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) finished with 29 assists.

Cortland eased past Potsdam, 30-8, 30-16, 30-20, in the final match of the evening. Junior Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) had six kills, sophomore Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) registered five kills and five digs and Loughlin added five kills. Sophomore Kielty Ciccone (Schenectady) recorded six aces and Smith had five aces. Freshman Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) had five digs and McMullen handed out 15 assists.

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