Schenectady, N.Y. – Cortland opened play at the Union College Women’s Volleyball Invitational with 3-0 victories versus both Skidmore College and Utica College. The Red Dragons are 14-1 and have won 14 straight matches. They will play at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday against opponents to be determined.

The Red Dragons defeated Skidmore 30-24, 30-9, 30-15. Freshman Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) led Cortland with 10 kills. She also registered two aces. Senior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) and junior Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) each finished with six kills. Loughlin also contributed five blocks and Pietrzak three. Senior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) rang up 19 assists and four blocks.

Cortland coasted past Utica 30-5, 30-22, 30-15 in a match that lasted less than an hour. The five points allowed in the first game are the fewest permitted by the Red Dragons in a 30-point, rally-scoring game since the scoring system was adopted in 2001.

Brody led a balanced effort with 10 kills, six aces and five digs. Sophomore Kielty Ciccone (Schenectady) picked up five kills and four blocks and sophomore Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) garnered seven digs and four aces. Freshman Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) also finished with four aces. Cortland’s playmaking duties were spread out during the match. Sophomore Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) led the Red Dragons with 12 assists, followed by McMullen with 11 and freshman Jenna Tuberdyck (Buffalo/Amherst) with eight. Tuberdyck also notched three aces.