POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. – Cortland opened the first day of the five-team Vassar College Invitational with a 2-0 record after posting 3-1 victories over both Skidmore College and Union College. The Red Dragons (7-0) will face Vassar, also 2-0 in tournament play, Saturday at 10 a.m. and will finish the round-robin tournament at noon versus Hunter College.

Cortland defeated Skidmore 31-29, 30-27, 27-30, 30-23 behind 13 kills from junior middle hitter Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) and 12 kills and five blocks from sophomore middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown). Senior outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) and junior outside hitter Theresa Cole (Syracuse/West Genesee) each added eight kills, with Marsh recording 14 digs and four blocks and Cole registering 13 digs.

Sophomore setter Brittney Horton (Owego/Owego Free Academy) ended the match with seven kills, 48 assists and 16 digs and freshman outside hitter Michelle Gaufman (Wantagh/MacArthur) contributed seven kills and 15 digs.

The Red Dragons then knocked off Union 30-14, 30-20, 32-34, 30-18. Gaufman led the team with 13 kills and also totaled 16 digs. Chatman recorded 12 kills and six blocks and junior outside hitter Kelsey Muka (Lansing) added 11 kills. Horton finished with 45 assists and 24 digs and Marsh had eight kills and 10 digs.