POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. – Cortland finished second at the five-team Vassar College Invitational after splitting two matches on Saturday. The Red Dragons lost to Vassar in five games before bouncing back to beat Hunter College in three games. Vassar won the tournament with a 4-0 record, with Cortland second at 3-1.

Vassar handed Cortland (8-1) its first loss of the season with a 30-28, 24-30, 26-30, 30-28, 15-5 victory. The hosts trailed two games to one and were down 23-15 in the fourth game before rallying for the win. Freshman outside hitter Michelle Gaufman (Wantagh/MacArthur) led Cortland with 16 kills and was second on the team with 19 digs.

Sophomore middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) and junior outside hitter Kelsey Muka (Lansing) added 10 kills apiece. Chatman also had four blocks and Muka amassed 15 digs. Sophomore setter Brittney Horton (Owego/Owego Free Academy) finished with 43 assists, five aces and 20 digs and freshman libero Lindsay Snow (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) contributed 15 digs.

Cortland defeated Hunter 30-13, 30-19, 30-14 as Chatman and Muka each totaled 11 kills. Senior outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) recorded nine kills and only one error in 15 attempts and Horton dished out 34 assists and served three aces.

Chatman was named to the all-tournament team. She led Cortland with 45 kills and 17 blocks in the four matches.

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