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PITTSFORD, N.Y. – Playing indoors to beat the elements, the SUNY Cortland women's tennis team opened its 2005 spring season with a 6-3 win at Nazareth College.

The Red Dragons opened with an 8-3 win at first doubles by junior Laurie Dorscheid (Fairport) and sophomore Amanda Husson (Middletown) and an 8-6 victory at second doubles by junior Jen Hemedinger (Binghamton/Chenango Forks) and freshman Ashley Abar (Champlain/Northeastern Clinton). Nazareth won by default at third doubles.

In singles play, Dorscheid was a 6-2, 6-4 winner at first singles and Husson won 6-4, 6-4 at second singles. Abar cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory at third singles. At fifth singles, sophomore Amanda Sarga (Washingtonville) lost the opening set 6-4, then won the second set 6-4. A 10-point “super tiebreaker” was then played to decide the match since the team outcome had already been decided. Sarga won the tiebreaker, 10-7.

Nazareth’s Betsy O’Brien won at fourth singles, 6-1, 6-2, and the Golden Flyers (1-4) picked up a default win at sixth singles.

Cortland’s remaining spring schedule is comprised of tournament play. The Red Dragons will play at the St. Lawrence Invitational on April 16-17 and a tournament at William Smith on April 23-24. Cortland will also host a one-day tournament on April 30.

Women's Tennis Match Summary

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Doubles:
1) Laurie Dorscheid/Amanda Husson (C) def. Angela Tessoni/Ann Kucheryavenko . . 8-3
2) Jen Hemedinger/Ashley Abar (C) def. Andrea Gaddis/Betsy O’Brien ............... 8-6
3) Nazareth won by default

Singles:
1) Laurie Dorscheid (C) def. Andrea Gaddis ................................. 6-2, 6-4
2) Amanda Husson (C) def. Angela Tessoni ................................. 6-4 ,6-4
3) Ashley Abar (C) def. Ann Kucheryavenko ................................. 6-3, 6-0
4) Betsy O’Brien (N) def. Jen Hemedinger ................................. 6-1, 6-2
5) Amanda Sarga (C) def. Eileen Silfer ................................. 4-6, 6-4, 10-7*
6) Nazareth won by default

* super tiebreaker played to 10 points