SUNY Cortland Women's Volleyball
vs. SUNY Brockport
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland def. Brockport 28-30, 16-30, 30-18, 30-17, 18-16

CORTLAND -- Cortland rallied from a 2-0 deficit and fought off four match points in the fifth game in its 28-30, 16-30, 30-18, 30-17, 18-16 win over Brockport at Corey Gymnasium. The Red Dragons improve to 11-3 with the win. The Golden Eagles, who defeated Cortland in five games last Saturday at the RIT Tournament, are now 8-7.

Junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) led Cortland with 15 kills and 23 digs. Sophomore Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) had 10 kills and five blocks, sophomore Barbie Lang (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) contributed nine kills and 12 digs and junior Megan Thurkins (Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post) recorded seven kills and team-highs of 25 digs and five blocks.

Junior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) finished with six kills, a .417 attack percentage, 33 assists, 13 digs, two aces and two blocks. Junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) chipped in eight kills, 15 digs and four blocks.

For Brockport, sophomore Shannon Munn (Livonia, MI/Churchill) had 20 kills and 23 digs and senior Becky Schrantz (Depew/Lancaster) registered 18 kills and 15 digs. Sophomore Lori Kreamer (East Patchogue/Bellport) accumulated 24 digs and junior Lyndsey Celeste (Clarence) added 48 assists.

Cortland led the first game 27-25 before Brockport rattled off four straight points, capped by two Munn kills, to take a 29-27 lead on its way to a 30-28 win. The Golden Eagles exploded out of the gate in the second game, taking an early 15-5 lead and staying comfortably ahead the rest of the way.

Cortland never trailed in the third game. The Red Dragons took a 12-4 lead and used a 5-0 run to extend a 20-12 margin to 25-12. Brockport grabbed a 7-5 lead in the fourth game before a 6-0 run, highlighted by two Pietrzak kills, gave Cortland an 11-7 lead. Brockport tied the match at 12-12, but 10 straight points by the Red Dragons helped put the match out of reach.

In the decisive fifth game, Brockport took a 4-0 lead. Cortland rallied to tie the match at 6-6, but the Golden Eagles scored the next three points to grab a 9-6 advantage. Leading 11-10, Brockport appeared to take control as two straight kills by Schrantz upped the score to 13-10. Following a timeout, Cortland used a Pizzi kill and a block by Thurkins and McMullen to close with 13-12.

Another Schrantz kill put Brockport ahead 14-12, but kills by Thurkins and Smith fought off two match points and tied the game at 14-14. Schrantz again put the Golden Eagles in position to win as her kill gave her squad a 15-14 lead. Schrantz's ensuing serve, however, sailed wide to tie the game at 15-15. Brockport's final match point came at 16-15 after a Munn kill, but Cortland scored the final three points on Brockport errors to win the game and the match.

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