CORTLAND, NY - The SUNY Cortland women's volleyball team finished in second place out of 10 teams at its own Red Dragon Classic in Corey Gymnasium. Cortland had advanced to the gold medal bracket after posting a 3-0 record in Pool A on Friday. In the round-robin gold bracket, Cortland defeated Buffalo State 27-30, 30-23, 30-17, 30-26 and lost to nationally 15th-ranked Nazareth 17-30, 20-30, 20-30. Nazareth won the tournament with a 2-0 record in the gold medal bracket.

Against Buffalo State, Cortland's offense received 14 kills apiece from junior Megan Thurkins (Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post) and junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia). Thurkins also recorded 11 digs. Junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/ Frontier Central (NY)) had eight kills and 17 digs, graduate student Kimberly Wood (South Salem/John Jay) had 29 assists and 24 digs and sophomore Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) contributed eight kills.

In the Nazareth match, Smith and junior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) each finished with seven kills. Smith also had a team-high 17 digs.

Pietrzak, Smith and Thurkins were named to the 12-player all-tournament team.

(Full tournament scores and all-tournament team on following page)
2002 CORTLAND RED DRAGON WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC
Friday-Saturday, September 6-7
Whitney T. Corey Gymnasium; SUNY Cortland; Cortland, NY

SATURDAY’S RESULTS:

Pool A
9:30 a.m.  Lebanon Valley def. Fredonia 30-28, 27-30, 30-27, 30-27

Gold Medal Bracket  (Round Robin Bracket)
12 p.m. -- (A1) Cortland def. (C1) Buffalo St. 27-30, 30-23, 30-17, 30-26
2 p.m. -- (B1) Nazareth def. (C1) Buffalo St. 30-21, 30-23, 30-15
6 p.m. -- (B1) Nazareth def. (A1) Cortland 30-17, 30-20, 30-20
NAZARETH WINS GOLD BRACKET (2-0 record)

Silver Medal Bracket  (Round Robin Bracket)
12 p.m. -- (A2) Lebanon Valley def. (C2) Keuka 30-18, 30-24, 29-31, 30-27
2 p.m. -- (B2) Geneseo def. (C2) Keuka 30-26, 30-20, 30-24
4 p.m. -- (B2) Geneseo def. (A2) Lebanon Valley 27-30, 30-26, 30-27, 31-29
GENESEO WINS SILVER BRACKET (2-0 record)

Bronze Medal Bracket
12 p.m. -- (A3) Fredonia def. (C3) St. Michael's 30-27, 30-25, 30-27
2 p.m. -- (A4) St. Lawrence def. (B3) Alfred 30-13, 29-31, 30-19, 30-23
4 p.m. -- Bronze Consolation Match: St. Michael's def. Alfred 30-18, 30-20, 30-23
4 p.m. -- Bronze Championship Match: Fredonia def. St. Lawrence 30-28, 30-27, 30-24
FREDONIA WINS BRONZE BRACKET

FRIDAY’S RESULTS:

Pool A
Cortland def. Fredonia 30-27, 31-29, 23-30, 30-25
Lebanon Valley def. St. Lawrence 27-30, 33-31, 30-25, 30-24
Fredonia def. St. Lawrence 30-24, 16-30, 30-23, 30-24
Cortland def. St. Lawrence 30-26, 30-12, 30-24

Pool B
Nazareth def. Geneseo 30-18, 30-19, 30-15
Nazareth def. Alfred 30-14, 30-16, 30-19
Geneseo def. Alfred 30-16, 30-18, 30-28

Pool C
Buffalo St. def. Keuka 30-23, 30-24, 30-20
Buffalo St. def. St. Michael's 33-35, 30-21, 30-15, 30-23

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM  (* also named to 2001 All-Tournament Team) (# also named to 2000 and 2001 All-Tournament Teams)

Name  (School)  Yr.  Pos.  Hometown/High School
# Christa Downey (Nazareth)  Sr.  OH  Geneseo/Livonia
# Ashley Mokan (Nazareth)  Jr.  S  Corning/Corning East
* Tricia Jones (Nazareth)  So.  MB  Corning/Corning East
Katie Pietrzak (Cortland)  Jr.  MH  Rochester/Greece Arcadia
Andrea Smith (Cortland)  Jr.  OH  San Diego, CA/FRONTIER CENTRAL (NY)
Megan Thurkins (Cortland)  Jr.  MH  Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post
# Monica Polka (Buffalo St.)  Sr.  MH  Youngstown/Lewiston-Porter
Krista Wierzbicki (Buffalo St.)  Jr.  S  Cheektowaga/Maryvale
Heather Martin (Fredonia)  So.  MB  Allegany/Allegany-Limestone
Allison Gaudy (Geneseo)  Jr.  OH  East Aurora/Iroquois
Michelle Kress (Keuka)  Sr.  OH  Livonia/Livonia
Megan Brillhart (Lebanon Valley)  Fr.  MH  Hanover, PA/New Oxford

NOTES: Nazareth wins its second straight Red Dragon Classic title. The Golden Flyers are ranked 15th nationally in Division III. Nazareth is the only team other than Cortland to win the tournament twice.