SUNY Cortland Women's Volleyball
vs. SUNY Geneseo
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Cortland def. Geneseo 30-20, 30-20, 39-37

CORTLAND -- Junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) had 10 kills, 12 digs and three aces and senior Colleen Stocum (Owego/Tioga) added nine kills and 10 digs as Cortland (22-12) defeated Geneseo (21-10) in three straight games at Corey Gymnasium. Cortland won the first two games 30-20 and 30-20 before capturing a wild third game 39-37.

Junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) contributed seven kills and a team-high five blocks to the winning cause. Graduate student Kimberly Wood (South Salem/John Jay) had 24 assists and junior Megan Thurkins (Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post) recorded six kills and eight digs.

For Geneseo, senior Amanda McKenzie (Pavilion) registered 23 assists and 13 digs. Junior Christine Stoklosa (Hamburg/Frontier Central) finished with seven kills and four blocks, sophomore Jessica Eggleston (Delmar/Bethlehem) totaled six kills and junior Allison Gaudy (East Aurora/Iroquois) added 12 digs.

Cortland never trailed in the first game. Tied 11-11, the Red Dragons scored seven of the next eight points to lead 18-12 and led by at least four the rest of the way. In the second game, the Knights held an early 5-4 lead before a 7-0 run gave the hosts an 11-5 lead. Leading 12-10, Cortland went on a 5-1 run to extend the score to 17-11 and never looked back.

The Red Dragons appeared on their way to an easy win in the third game, grabbing an early 4-0 lead and holding a 16-4 advantage before Geneseo rallied. The Knights slowly chipped at the lead, drawing to within 24-18. Cortland looked to regain control when it scored the next two points, but Geneseo fought back and eventually used a 4-0 run to turn a 28-24 deficit into a 28-28 tie.

Cortland took a 29-28 lead on a Pietrzak kill, but from that point Geneseo fought off five Cortland match points and the Red Dragons erased four Geneseo game points. Trailing 37-36, Cortland tied the game on a service error, took a 38-37 lead on a Smith kill and won the game and the match on an ace by freshman Lauren Nels (Syracuse/C.W. Baker).

Stocum and Wood, Cortland's two seniors, were honored prior to their final regular-season home match.

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