SUNY Cortland Women's Volleyball
vs. Ithaca College
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

FINAL SCORE: Ithaca def. Cortland 22-30, 30-19, 30-20, 30-18

CORTLAND -- Ithaca, ranked 21st nationally in Division III, defeated host Cortland 22-30, 30-19, 30-20, 30-18 Tuesday evening in front of an estimated 600 fans at Corey Gymnasium. The Bombers improve to 17-5, while the Red Dragons fall to 16-7.

Sophomore Julie Roth (Santa Cruz, CA/Harbor) led Ithaca with 24 kills and a .467 attack percentage. Senior Jessica Raymond (Syracuse/Bishop Ludden) added 19 kills and a .395 attack percentage. Sophomore Shannan Barclay (Huntingdon, PA) recorded 45 assists and 14 digs.

For Cortland, junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) had 12 kills and 15 digs and junior Megan Thurkins (Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post) registered 11 kills and four blocks. Junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) finished with seven kills and a team-best .353 attack percentage. Graduate student Kimberly Wood (South Salem/John Jay) chipped in 34 assists and eight digs and senior Colleen Stocum (Owego/Tioga) added 15 digs.

Cortland used a 10-1 run in the first game to extend a 9-6 lead to 19-7. Ithaca closed to within 22-18 before two straight points helped swing the momentum back to the hosts. In the second game, Ithaca jumped out to a 5-1 lead. The Bombers held a 15-7 advantage and then helped put the game away with a 6-1 run. Cortland did manage to close within 25-17 before Ithaca rattled off four straight points.

The third game was the most competitive of the evening, at least early on. The teams were tied 9-9 and Ithaca held a 14-11 lead before winning eight of the next 10 points. The Red Dragons rallied to within 22-17 and were within 25-19 before three straight points by the Bombers helped close the door. In the fourth game, Ithaca led 4-0 and never trailed. Leading 17-11, Ithaca went on a 7-0 run to increase the lead to 24-11. The Bombers led by double-figures the rest of the way.

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