FINAL SCORE: NYU def. Cortland 30-26, 26-30, 30-20, 30-22

CORTLAND -- Cortland dropped a four-game decision to New York University in women's volleyball action Friday night, falling 30-26, 26-30, 30-20, 30-22.

Cortland was led by junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia), who finished with 11 kills and no errors in 25 attempts for a .440 attack percentage. She also had a team-high five blocks. Junior Megan Thurkins (Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post) registered 10 kills, three aces and three blocks and junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) added a team-best 28 digs. Graduate student Kimberly Wood (South Salem/John Jay) finished with 26 assists and four blocks.

For NYU, freshman Alexandra Ray (San Diego, CA/Torrey Pines) led the Violets with 19 kills. She also recorded 15 digs. Freshman Erin Palmer (Walton, NE/Lincoln East) had 16 kills and eight digs and sophomore Serena Bountour (Huntington Beach, CA) tallied 14 kills, a .367 attack percentage and three aces. Freshman Katya Khmelnitskaya (Addison, IL/West) dished out 58 assists and registered 10 digs and sophomore Heather Tilert (Derby/Lake Shore) led the team with 20 digs.

NYU will play Franklin and Marshall College (Pa.) on Saturday at 11 a.m. Cortland will face Franklin and Marshall at 1:30 p.m.