ROCHESTER -- Cortland won its opening two matches at the 13th Annual RIT Women's Volleyball Tournament, defeating St. John Fisher College 30-19, 30-28, 30-28 and upending the host Tigers 30-21, 31-29, 33-35, 30-22. The Red Dragons will play Brockport at 10 a.m. and St. Lawrence at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the pre-arranged tournament schedule. Cortland would win the seven-team tournament if it wins both matches.

In the opener, Cortland improved its lifetime record versus St. John Fisher to 22-0. Junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (NY)) paced the Red Dragons with 13 kills, a .474 attack percentage, nine digs and three blocks. Junior Megan Thurkins (Painted Post/Corning-Painted Post) finished with nine kills and a .500 attack percentage and graduate student Kimberly Wood (South Salem/John Jay) recorded 28 assists in 56 attempts. Freshman Elizabeth Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) led the Red Dragons with two service aces and junior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) added three blocks.

Against RIT, senior Colleen Stocum (Owego/Tioga) led a balanced attack with 14 kills. Wood distributed 36 assists, McMullen recorded three aces, Smith amassed a team-high 30 digs and junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) registered a team-best seven blocks.

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