UTICA, NY -- The SUNY Cortland women's volleyball team suffered its first loss in SUNYAC East Round Robin play in seven years as the Red Dragons fell to Oneonta 19-30, 30-22, 30-17, 30-20 in the opening match of league divisional action in Utica. Cortland had won 66 straight league matches versus divisional opponents. The Red Dragons won their final six divisional matches in 1995 and were 10-0 in league regular-season play each year from 1996-2001. Cortland's last SUNYAC East loss was 3-1 to Binghamton on Sept. 23, 1995.

Junior Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Border Central (NY)) led the Red Dragons with 15 kills and 25 digs. Sophomore Barbie Lang (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) had 10 kills and freshman Lauren Nels (Syracuse/C.W. Baker) added 23 digs. Graduate student Kimberly Wood (South Salem/John Jay) registered 22 assists and junior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) had 17 assists. McMullen and freshman Kielty Ciccone (Schenectady) each finished with three blocks.

Cortland rebounded from its loss to defeat New Paltz 30-20, 30-20, 26-30, 30-25. Smith paced the Red Dragons with 17 kills, a .429 attack percentage, 12 digs and three blocks. Wood distributed 35 assists, junior Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) had seven kills and a .412 attack percentage and Ciccone recorded three blocks. Pietrzak, sophomore Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) and sophomore Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) each had three aces.

Cortland will play three matches on Saturday, starting with a 10 a.m. contest versus Potsdam. The Red Dragons will play Plattsburgh at 2 p.m. and host SUNYIT (the former Utica/Rome) at 4 p.m. Another five SUNYAC East matches will be held on October 25-26 at Potsdam. The top three teams in the East will join the West's top three teams at the SUNYAC Tournament Nov. 8-9 at the West champion. The league tournament winner receives an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III tournament. Cortland has won the last six SUNYAC titles.

SUNYAC East Division Results -- Day 1 (Sept. 27)

- Oneonta def. Cortland 3-1 (19-30, 30-22, 30-17, 30-20)
- Potsdam def. SUNYIT 3-0 (30-24, 30-17, 30-18)
- Oneonta def. SUNYIT 3-0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-23)
- Plattsburgh def. New Paltz 3-1 (30-20, 18-30, 30-27, 30-24)
- Cortland def. New Paltz 3-1 (30-20, 30-20, 26-30, 30-25)
- Plattsburgh def. Potsdam 3-0 (31-29, 30-22, 30-26)