SCRANTON, PA. – The SUNY Cortland women’s volleyball team posted four straight victories to claim top honors at the 12-team University of Scranton Invitational. The Red Dragons have won 11 consecutive matches and are 11-1 on the season.

Cortland opened play Friday with a 30-27, 20-30, 30-21, 30-21 win over Elizabethtown College and a 30-22, 30-24, 30-23 victory over DeSales University in pool play. The Red Dragons posted a 30-24, 30-28, 30-11 win Saturday versus Franklin and Marshall College in the semifinals and swept host Scranton, 30-17, 30-17, 30-18, in the championship match.

Senior outside hitter Andrea Smith (San Diego, CA/Frontier Central (CA)) was named the tournament Most Valuable Player. She recorded 50 kills, a .415 attack percentage and 50 digs in four matches. Freshman outside hitter Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) and senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) joined Smith on the all-tournament team. Brody had 43 kills and a .344 attack percentage in four matches. McMullen had 167 assists in four matches and averaged 12.9 assists per game over 13 games.

Smith led Cortland versus Elizabethtown with 17 kills and 15 digs. Senior middle hitter Katie Pietrzak (Rochester/Greece Arcadia) added 12 kills, five blocks and four aces and McMullen added 58 assists and four aces. Against DeSales, Brody put down a team-best 12 kills, McMullen had 41 assists and Pietrzak registered a team-high 15 digs.

Cortland came out blazing on Saturday, hitting .365 as a team against Franklin and Marshall and .457 versus Scranton. The Red Dragons recorded 48 kills and only five errors in 94 attack attempts in the Scranton match. Smith led the way with 18 kills and a .552 attack percentage and Brody contributed 10 kills and 19 digs in the Franklin and Marshall match. McMullen had 40 assists. In the finals, Brody finished with a .435 attack percentage (11 kills, one error in 23 attempts) and Smith had nine kills and hit at a .444 clip. The Red Dragons had 15 kills and no errors (.536) in the opening game and hit .516 (18 kills, two errors in 31 attempts) in the second game.

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