CORTLAND, N.Y. - SUNY Cortland’s Joan Sitterly became the second women’s volleyball head coach in Division III history to reach the career 800-win mark as the Red Dragons posted 3-0 wins over Western Connecticut State and Nazareth College at the Cortland Invitational.

Sitterly’s Red Dragons are 22-1 this fall and 800-232 in her 22 seasons as head coach. Juniata College head coach Larry Bock is atop the Division III list with more than 1,000 victories. Wisconsin-Whitewater head coach Kris Russell is currently at 798 victories. Sitterly and Russell entered the season tied with 778 wins each.

Cortland defeated Western Connecticut 30-20, 30-27, 30-22. Sophomore Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) led the Red Dragons with 13 kills and also finished with four aces. Senior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) had 31 assists, seven digs, five aces and five kills and senior Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) added eight kills and seven blocks. Junior Sara Schlichting (Clifton Park/Elmira Free Academy) recorded 16 digs and junior Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) had 10 digs.

Sitterly reached the 800-win mark with a 30-20, 32-30, 30-18 win over Nazareth. Brody had 13 kills and 12 digs and Loughlin registered 11 kills and no errors in 17 attempts for a .647 hitting percentage. Senior Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) contributed nine kills, Schlichting added 14 digs and McMullen amassed 37 assists, six digs and three aces.

Cortland won the tournament with a 2-0 record. Nazareth finished 1-1, defeating Western Connecticut 30-22, 30-19, 30-16. Nazareth is now 8-10 and Western Connecticut is 9-13.

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2004 Cortland Women’s Volleyball Invitational
October 9, 2004

Cortland def. Western Connecticut St. 30-20, 30-27, 30-22

Cortland leaders:
Katie Brody (So., Apalachin/Vestal), 13 kills, 7 digs, 3 blocks
Siobhan Loughlin (Sr., Hauppauge/Hauppauge), 8 kills, 7 blocks
Jamie McMullen (Sr., Castile/Letchworth), 31 assists, 7 digs, 5 kills, 5 aces
Natalie Pizzi (Sr., Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin), 5 kills, 6 digs

Western Conn. St. leaders:
Kathryn Kupchik (Fr., Cromwell, CT/Cromwell), 4 kills
Tricia Lawler (Sr., Hooksett, NH/Belmont), 4 aces, 5 blocks

Nazareth def. Western Connecticut St. 30-22, 30-19, 30-16

Nazareth leaders:
Sara Shipley (Sr., Macedon/Palmyra-Macedon), 17 kills, 10 digs
Elise Monje (Fr., Newark/Newark), 36 assists, 2 aces
Tricia Jones (Corning/Corning East), 10 kills, 9 digs, 5 aces
Heather Nichols (Jr., Lake George/Lake George), 8 kills, 25 digs

Western Conn. St. leaders:
Tiffany Phoenix (Fr., Cresskill, NJ/Cresskill), 9 kills
Kassie Moore (So., Pocasset, MA/Bourne), 16 assists
Kathryn Kupchik (Fr., Cromwell, CT/Cromwell), 3 blocks

Cortland def. Nazareth 30-20, 32-30, 30-18

Cortland leaders:
Katie Brody (So., Apalachin/Vestal), 13 kills, 12 digs
Siobhan Loughlin (Sr., Hauppauge/Hauppauge), 11 kills (.647 attack pct.), 4 blocks
Jamie McMullen (Sr., Castile/Letchworth), 37 assists, 6 digs, 3 aces
Natalie Pizzi (Sr., Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin), 9 kills, 3 digs

Nazareth leaders:
Elise Monje (Fr., Newark/Newark), 18 assists, 6 digs
Tricia Jones (Corning/Corning East), 7 kills, 3 aces, 12 digs
Heather Nichols (Jr., Lake George/Lake George), 5 kills, 16 digs, 2 aces