CORTLAND, N.Y. -- Sophomore outside hitter Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) recorded 11 kills and senior outside hitter Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) added eight kills, 15 digs and five blocks as Cortland swept Geneseo, 30-21, 30-25, 30-26, in a non-conference match. The Red Dragons improve to 32-1 on the season and have won 19 consecutive matches. Geneseo is now 21-13.

Senior middle hitter Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) finished with seven kills and five blocks and senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) had seven kills, a .636 attack percentage and 29 assists for Cortland. Junior Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) registered 10 kills and two aces from the libero position. Senior outside hitter Barbie Lang (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) and junior middle hitter Kielty Ciccone (Schenectady) each put down three blocks, with Lang also recording two aces and Ciccone adding four kills.

Geneseo was led by freshman outside hitter Kate Barth’s (Babylon/St. Anthony’s) 10 kills. Freshman outside hitter Jessi Laemlein (Webster/Webster Schroeder) added seven kills for the Knights and senior right-side hitter Karyn Patridge (Oswego) had nine digs and three blocks.

Prior to the match, Cortland honored its four seniors -- Pizzi, Loughlin, Lang and McMullen -- playing in their final regular-season home dual match.

Cortland pulled away from an early 8-8 tie in the first game with a 5-1 run, including kills by Pizzi, McMullen and Brody. The lead was still four points at 19-15 before three straight points, two on McMullen kills, increased the lead to 22-15. The Red Dragons led 23-18 before using a 5-1 streak to put the game out of reach.

In the second game, the Red Dragons went on a 6-0 run to extend an 11-9 lead to 17-9. Turner served two aces during the run. At 17-13, a 5-1 run gave Cortland a 22-14 lead, and the lead was at least four the rest of the way.

Geneseo took control early in the third game. The Knights went on a 6-2 run, including three Barth kills, to build a 17-9 lead. Two Brody aces and two Pizzi kills, however, sparked a 9-1 surge for the Red Dragons to tie the game at 18-18. The game was tied five more times, the last at 24-24, before a Geneseo hitting error and two Brody kills gave Cortland a 27-24 lead. Geneseo was unable to pull any closer than two points the remainder of the contest.

Cortland will be hosting the 12-team New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) tournament this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30-31. The Red Dragons will be the second seed in the field, will receive a bye in the first round and will face either Brockport or New Paltz in the quarterfinals. The tournament starts at 10 a.m., with Cortland’s match tentatively set for 6 p.m. Geneseo will be the eighth seed in the tournament and will face ninth-seeded Nazareth in the first round, tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. New York University, last year’s state champion and national runnerup, will be the top seed.

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