CORTLAND, N.Y. — Cortland finished second out of 12 teams at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) volleyball tournament, hosted by the Red Dragons at Corey Gymnasium. Cortland (34-2) defeated Brockport, 3-0, in the quarterfinals on Saturday and knocked off Ithaca, 3-1, in the semifinals on Sunday before losing to defending champion and nationally-ranked NYU, 3-0, in the championship match.

Three Red Dragons – senior Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin), senior Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) and sophomore Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) – were named to the all-tournament team.

Cortland, the second seed in the tournament, received a bye in the first round before beating Brockport, 30-21, 30-24, 30-19, in the quarterfinals. Brody led the Red Dragons with 16 kills and 12 digs. She finished with a .556 attack percentage (one error in 27 attempts) and had five blocks. Pizzi recorded 12 kills, a .391 attack percentage, four aces and four digs and McMullen had 30 assists, eight digs, three blocks, five kills and a .833 attack percentage.

The Red Dragons opened play on Sunday with a 30-23, 30-18, 22-30, 30-18 win over Ithaca in the semifinals. Brody put down 19 kills, had a .421 attack percentage and recorded 17 digs. Pizzi finished with 14 kills and two aces. Senior Barbie Lang (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) had seven kills, three aces and 14 digs, junior Kielty Ciccone (Schenectady) registered five kills and a team-high eight blocks, senior Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) added seven kills and five blocks and junior Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) amassed 16 digs.

McMullen finished the Ithaca match with 46 assists, 14 digs and five kills. She became the second player in school history to reach the career 4,000-assist mark. She finished the tournament weekend with 4,056 assists. Adriane Battaglioli recorded 4,326 assists from 1995-98.

In the championship match, Cortland lost to top-seeded NYU in three games, 30-20, 30-26, 30-19. Both of Cortland's losses this fall have come to the Violets. The first was a five-game setback in the finals of the RIT Invitational.

Brody led the Red Dragons in the finals with eight kills and 13 digs. Pizzi added six kills, Ciccone had four kills and McMullen totaled 19 assists.

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