SUNY Cortland Women’s Volleyball
Day 1 of SUNYAC East Round Robin
Friday, October 22, 2004; Dewar Arena; Oneonta, N.Y.

ONEONTA, N.Y. -- SUNY Cortland improved to 27-1 overall and 7-0 in league play with two victories during the first day of competition at the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division women’s volleyball round robin. The Red Dragons defeated host Oneonta, 3-1, and also posted a 3-1 win over Potsdam. Cortland leads the East with its 7-0 mark. New Paltz is second at 5-2, followed by Oneonta (4-3), Potsdam (3-4), Plattsburgh (2-5) and SUNYIT (0-7). Each team will complete divisional play with three matches on Saturday. Cortland will face Plattsburgh, New Paltz and SUNYIT. The top three finishers in both the East and West will advance to the SUNYAC tournament Nov. 5-6 at the West champion.

Cortland lost the first game to Oneonta, 27-30, and was trailing 12-4 in the second game before rallying for a 30-27 victory. The Red Dragons won the next two games, 30-25 and 30-28. Sophomore outside hitter Katie Brody (Apalachin/Vestal) led Cortland with 18 kills, 13 digs and four blocks. Senior middle hitter Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) also had 18 kills and a team-high five blocks and senior outside hitter Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) added 12 kills and three aces.

Senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) finished with 48 assists, 15 digs and three blocks and junior libero Sara Schlichting (Clifton Park/Elmira Free Academy) recorded 17 digs.

Against Potsdam, Cortland won by scores of 30-17, 30-22, 28-30, 30-25. Freshman outside hitter Lauren Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) totaled 11 kills, three aces and three blocks and junior middle hitter Lauren Nels (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) finished with 10 kills. Junior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) registered six kills, three aces and 11 digs, freshman middle hitter Alice Khars (Kings Park) added six kills and four blocks and sophomore outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) recorded six kills.

Junior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) tallied 24 assists in the match, Schlichting had 13 digs and Pizzi served three aces.

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (SUNYAC)
Women’s Volleyball -- East Division Round Robin
Oct. 22-23, 2004 -- Dewar Arena -- Oneonta, NY

RECORDS AT COMPLETION OF DAY 1 (SUNYAC East, Overall):

Cortland (Red Dragons) 7-0, 28-1
New Paltz (Hawks) 5-2, 23-7
Oneonta (Red Dragons) 4-3, 18-15
Potsdam (Bears) 3-4, 9-16
Plattsburgh (Cardinals) 2-5, 9-19
SUNY Inst. of Tech. (Wildcats) 0-7, 0-17

FRIDAY’S RESULTS:

Cortland def. Oneonta 27-30, 30-27, 30-25, 30-28
Potsdam def. SUNYIT 30-18, 30-17, 30-15

New Paltz def. Oneonta 30-27, 32-30, 30-26
Cortland def. Potsdam 30-17, 30-22, 28-30, 30-25
Plattsburgh def. SUNYIT 30-24, 30-8, 30-8

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE:

Oneonta vs. Potsdam
New Paltz vs. SUNYIT
Cortland vs. Plattsburgh

Oneonta vs. SUNYIT
Plattsburgh vs. Potsdam
Cortland vs. New Paltz

Oneonta vs. Plattsburgh
Cortland vs. SUNYIT
New Paltz vs. Potsdam

NOTE: The top three finishers in the East at the conclusion of this weekend’s play, along with the top three teams from the West Division, qualify for the SUNYAC Tournament, to be held at the West champion on November 5-6.