ONEONTA, N.Y. -- SUNY Cortland claimed its 19th State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division title in the past 20 years with a 10-0 record, including three wins to complete divisional pool play Saturday at Oneonta. The Red Dragons (31-1) defeated Plattsburgh, 3-1, and swept both New Paltz and SUNYIT to finish the weekend with a 5-0 mark and increase their winning streak to 18 matches.

Cortland will receive a bye in the first round of the SUNYAC tournament, to be held Nov. 5-6 at West division champion Brockport. The tournament winner will receive an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III playoffs.

The Red Dragons defeated Plattsburgh, 30-15, 30-17, 27-30, 30-25 behind sophomore outside hitter Katie Brody's (Apalachin/Vestal) 15 kills. Senior middle hitter Siobhan Loughlin (Hauppauge) and senior outside hitter Natalie Pizzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin) had 11 kills apiece, with Loughlin also recording four blocks and three aces. Senior setter Jamie McMullen (Castile/Letchworth) finished with 37 assists, senior outside hitter Barbie Lang (Cuba/Cuba-Rushford) had nine kills and 10 digs and junior libero Sara Schlichting (Clifton Park/Elmira Free Academy) added 15 digs.

Pizzi had 12 kills in Cortland's 30-14, 30-17, 31-29 win over New Paltz. Brody totaled nine kills, nine digs and four blocks, Loughlin finished with eight kills, five blocks and three aces and McMullen contributed 29 assists and six digs. Lang added seven kills and Schlichting had 13 digs and three aces.

Cortland ended the day with a 30-13, 30-14, 30-9 win over SUNYIT. Sophomore outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) led a balanced attack with seven kills and five aces. Brody had six kills, while junior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem), freshman middle hitter Alice Khars (Kings Park) and junior middle hitter Lauren Nels (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) had five kills each. Turner also served seven aces and freshman outside hitter Lauren Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) had six aces.
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 DIVISIONAL PLAY (SUNYAC East, Overall):

Cortland (Red Dragons) 10-0, 31-1
Oneonta (Red Dragons) 7-3, 21-15
New Paltz (Hawks) 7-3, 25-8
Potsdam (Bears) 4-6, 10-18
Plattsburgh (Cardinals) 2-8, 9-22
SUNY Inst. of Tech. (Wildcats) 0-10, 0-20

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 RESULTS:
Oneonta def. Potsdam 30-32, 30-21, 30-21, 30-18
New Paltz def. SUNYIT 30-8, 30-11, 30-11
Cortland def. Plattsburgh 30-15, 30-17, 27-30, 30-25

Oneonta def. SUNYIT 30-10, 30-17, 30-10
Potsdam def. Plattsburgh 30-14, 31-29, 30-21
Cortland def. New Paltz 30-14, 30-17, 31-29

Oneonta def. Plattsburgh 30-17, 30-20, 25-30, 30-20
Cortland def. SUNYIT 30-13, 30-14, 30-9
New Paltz def. Potsdam 30-13, 30-26, 30-28

NOTE: The top three finishers in the East and the top three teams from the West Division qualify for the SUNYAC Tournament, which will be held at the West champion Brockport on November 5-6. The top seed in each division (Cortland and Brockport) receives a bye into Saturday’s semifinal round.