Cortland’s Tiffany Chatman Women’s Volleyball Honorable Mention All-American; Chatman Also Region’s Top Freshman; Two Red Dragons on All-Region Squad

SUNY Cortland freshman middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) has been selected as a 2005 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III honorable mention All-American. In addition, Chatman has been named the AVCA New York Region Freshman of the Year and is a first team all-region selection. Senior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) is honorable mention all-region.

Chatman played in 133 games over 40 matches for the Red Dragons this fall. She led the team with 1.41 blocks per game, and her 188 total blocks are the fourth-highest single-season total in school history and the most ever by a freshman. Chatman was also third on the team with 352 kills (2.65 per game), and her .264 attack percentage was the highest of any Cortland non-setter with at least 100 attempts.

Chatman was honored as the top rookie this season in the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division and the New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) in addition to her AVCA regional honor.

Rakita played in all 41 matches, seeing action in 125 games. She recorded 1,244 assists (9.95 per game), the sixth-highest single-season total in school history. She led the Red Dragons with a .353 attack percentage, was second with 60 service aces and ranked fourth with 269 digs and 80 blocks.

Cortland finished the season with a 33-8 record. The Red Dragons won their 14th SUNYAC title and ninth in 10 years. Cortland participated in the NCAA Division III playoffs for the 19th time and tied for ninth nationally for the third consecutive season after advancing to the regional finals.

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