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Cortland's Tiffany Chatman Named SUNYAC East Volleyball Rookie of the Year; Red Dragons Place Three on All-League Team

SUNY Cortland freshman middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) has been chosen as the 2005 State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Women's Volleyball Eastern Division Rookie of the Year. Chatman is also one of three Cortland players on the Eastern Division all-conference squad. Senior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) and senior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) were chosen to the first team, while Chatman was a second-team honoree.

Through 38 matches, Chatman leads the Red Dragons with 174 blocks (1.4 per game) and is third on the team with 326 kills (2.6 per game). Her 174 blocks are currently the fourth-highest single-season total in school history. Chatman’s .261 attack percentage is the highest among front-line players on the team this season with at least 100 attempts.

Turner leads the team with 407 kills (3.2 per game) and is second with 312 digs (2.4 per game). She is also third on the squad with 81 blocks and fourth with 48 aces.

Rakita averages nearly 10 assists per game and has a team-high .354 attack percentage. She is second on the team with 56 aces and fourth with 256 digs. Her 1,157 assists are currently ranked eighth on Cortland’s single-season record list.

Cortland (31-7) won its 14th SUNYAC title last weekend and has qualified for its 19th NCAA Division III tournament. The Red Dragons are playing in the eight-team New York Regional at NYU this Thursday through Saturday.

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