BROCKPORT, N.Y. – Cortland, tied for 19th in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III national poll, was taken to the limit by host SUNY Brockport before defeating the Golden Eagles in five games. The Red Dragons lost the first game, 30-24, won the next two games, both by 30-26 scores, but lost the fourth game, 30-25. Cortland won the match with a 15-12 victory in the fifth game. The Red Dragons improve to 13-1, while Brockport falls to 4-9.

In the fifth game, Cortland led 9-7 before Brockport rallied to take a 10-9 lead. The Red Dragons answered with the next two points, with Brockport responding to tie the game at 11-11. Cortland, however, tallied three straight points and held on for the win.

Senior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) and junior outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) each finished with 14 kills. Marsh had a .312 attack percentage and also recorded 10 digs. Turner added eight blocks.

Freshman middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) totaled 10 kills and only one attack error in 20 attempts for a .450 percentage. She also led the Red Dragons with 10 blocks. Sophomore middle hitter Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) added eight blocks, senior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) finished with 42 assists, 12 digs and five blocks and freshman libero Kate Gosman (East Northport/Elwood John Glenn) registered 21 digs.

Cortland will compete in the first of two SUNYAC Eastern Division round robins this Friday and Saturday at SUNYIT in Utica. The Red Dragons will face Oneonta and New Paltz on Friday and Potsdam, SUNYIT and Plattsburgh on Saturday. The two round robins (the second one is Oct. 21-22 at Potsdam) will determine the divisional champion and the host of the SUNYAC championship tournament on Nov. 4-5.

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