CORTLAND, NY - The SUNY Cortland women’s volleyball team made the debut of head coach Pam Hoerup a successful one with two victories during the opening day of the Red Dragon Classic at Corey Gymnasium. Cortland defeated Buffalo State, 30-18, 30-9, 30-8, and Nazareth, 30-21, 30-21, 30-26. Hoerup took over the head coaching duties this season from Joan Sitterly, Cortland’s current director of athletics who won 816 matches in 22 seasons.

Cortland, ranked 23rd nationally in the AVCA Division III national poll, finished first in Pool A with its 2-0 record and will play in the championship pool on Saturday with Lebanon Valley (2-0 in Pool B) and Fredonia (2-0 in Pool C). Second-place finishers Nazareth (Pool A), New Paltz (Pool B) and Skidmore (Pool C), all with 1-1 records, will play in the gold pool on Saturday, while Buffalo State, Baptist Bible College and Point Park University will play in the silver pool.

In the opening match versus Buffalo State, Cortland was led by senior Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) and freshman Tiffany Chatman (Watertown), who each recorded five kills. Freshman Kate Gosman (East Northport/Elwood John Glenn) finished with team-highs of four aces and six digs, Turner and freshman Brittney Horton (Owego/Owego Free Academy) notched three aces each, sophomore Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) added three blocks and senior Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) registered 14 assists and five digs.

In the win over Nazareth, junior Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) paced the Red Dragons with nine kills and three aces. Rakita recorded six kills, a .750 attack percentage, 24 assists and five digs, Chatman posted a team-best three blocks and Turner led the squad with seven digs.

(Full tournament scores and upcoming schedule on following page)
2005 CORTLAND RED DRAGON WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC
Friday-Saturday, September 2-3
Whitney T. Corey Gymnasium; SUNY Cortland; Cortland, NY

FRIDAY’S RESULTS:

**Pool A**
- Cortland def. Buffalo St. 30-18, 30-9, 30-8
- Cortland def. Nazareth 30-21, 30-21, 30-26
- Nazareth def. Buffalo St. 30-10, 30-20, 30-13

**Pool B**
- New Paltz def. Baptist Bible (Pa.) 30-13, 22-30, 21-30, 30-19, 15-8
- Lebanon Valley (Pa.) def. New Paltz 30-20, 30-16, 30-32, 30-15
- Lebanon Valley def. Baptist Bible 30-23, 30-16, 30-20

**Pool C**
- Fredonia def. Skidmore 31-29, 30-24, 26-30, 30-28
- Fredonia def. Point Park (Pa.) 31-29, 30-18, 30-25
- Skidmore def. Point Park 30-18, 30-23, 30-25

SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE:

**Championship Pool**
- 10 a.m. -- (A1) Cortland vs. (C1) Fredonia
- 12 p.m. -- (B1) Lebanon Valley vs. (C1) Fredonia
- 2 p.m. -- (A1) Cortland vs. (B1) Lebanon Valley

**Gold Pool**
- 10 a.m. -- (A2) Nazareth vs. (C2) Skidmore
- 12 p.m. -- (B2) New Paltz vs. (C2) Skidmore
- 2 p.m. -- (A2) Nazareth vs. (B2) New Paltz

**Silver Pool**
- 10 a.m. -- (A3) Buffalo St. vs. (C3) Point Park
- 12 p.m. -- (B3) Baptist Bible vs. (C3) Point Park
- 2 p.m. -- (A3) Buffalo St. vs. (B3) Baptist Bible

NOTES:
* Cortland is ranked 23rd in the AVCA pre-season Division III national poll.
* Final match of the night (Lebanon Valley vs. Baptist Bible) finished approximately 10:50 p.m.