SUNY Cortland Women’s Volleyball

Cortland vs. Le Moyne College
Wednesday, September 28, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.

CORTLAND, N.Y. – Cortland, ranked 22nd nationally in the latest Division III poll, rallied after losing the first game to defeat Division II Le Moyne College, 27-30, 30-24, 30-17, 30-23. The Red Dragons upped their record to 18-2 with the win. The Dolphins had a four-match win streak snapped and are now 12-4.

Senior Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) finished with 12 kills, eight digs and three blocks for the Red Dragons. Junior Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) added 10 kills, three aces and eight digs and freshman Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) had 10 kills and five blocks. Also for Cortland, senior Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) recorded 32 assists and seven digs, sophomore Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) finished with a team-high nine blocks and freshman Kate Gosman (East Northport/John Glenn) tallied 18 digs.

Le Moyne was led by junior Jody Hammond’s (Bloomfield) 11 kills and four blocks. Senior Lindsey Fattey (Lancaster/St. Mary’s) also registered 11 kills, while sophomore Ashley Chain (Waterloo) and freshman Jodi Smith (Angola/Eden) notched nine kills each. Junior Julie McLaud (Pine Bush) totaled 46 assists and senior Amanda McClure (Painted Post/Corning West) finished with 23 digs.

Cortland was playing its only home dual-match of the season. Prior to the match, the Red Dragons honored their three seniors – Turner, Rakita and Lauren Nels (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker). During their tenure, Cortland has a combined 127-22 record, including a 100-8 mark and two NCAA appearances since 2003.

The first game was tied 13 times, the last at 27-27. The Dolphins scored the final three points of the game, capped by Chain’s kill. Cortland never trailed in the second or fourth games. The Red Dragons grabbed a 10-4 lead in the second game and held at least a four-point advantage the rest of the way. Le Moyne’s only leads in the third game were at 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 before Cortland scored four straight points. In the fourth game, the hosts led 4-0 and 6-1, then used a 6-0 run to extend a 13-9 lead to 19-9.

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