SUNY Cortland Women's Volleyball
Day 1 of RIT Invitational
Friday, September 16, 2005; Clark Gymnasium; Rochester, N.Y.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Cortland, ranked 20th nationally in Division III, improved its record to 11-0 with a pair of victories during pool play Friday at the 16th annual RIT Women’s Volleyball Invitational. The Red Dragons opened with a 30-28, 30-28, 28-30, 30-15 win over Clarkson, then defeated St. John Fisher, 30-27, 30-25, 30-22.

Cortland, Fredonia, Ithaca and nationally fifth-ranked New York University each finished 2-0 in its respective pool and will play in the championship bracket of the 12-team tournament on Saturday. Cortland will face Fredonia at 10 a.m. and Ithaca will play NYU at noon. The winners play at 4 p.m. for the title, while the losers play at 2 p.m. for third place.

In the win versus Clarkson, freshman middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) led the Red Dragons with 15 kills, a .440 attack percentage and three blocks. Junior outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) added 12 kills and 13 digs, senior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) recorded three aces and senior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) totaled 43 assists and 15 digs.

Cortland’s win over St. John Fisher was the Red Dragons’ second versus the Cardinals in four days. Cortland is now 26-0 all-time versus their Rochester-area foe. Chatman paced the Red Dragons with 10 kills, a .437 attack percentage and nine blocks. Marsh finished with nine kills and 11 digs, sophomore middle hitter Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) contributed eight kills and four blocks and Turner amassed seven kills, four digs and six blocks. Senior outside hitter Lauren Nels (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) recorded six kills and four blocks, Rakita dished out 37 assists and came up with 12 digs, and freshman libero Kate Gosman (East Northport/Elwood John Glenn) added 14 digs.

Friday’s Results:
RIT 3, Buffalo St. 0
Fredonia 3, Buffalo St. 0
Fredonia 3, RIT 0

Ithaca 3, Brockport 0
Brockport 3, Rochester 1
Ithaca 3, Rochester 0

NYU 3, Nazareth 0
Nazareth 3, Geneseo 2
NYU 3, Geneseo 0

Cortland 3, Clarkson 1
St. John Fisher 3, Clarkson 0
Cortland 3, St. John Fisher 0

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