ROCHESTER, N.Y. - Cortland finished second out of 12 teams at the RIT Invitational for the second straight season, defeating Fredonia, 3-0, in the semifinals before losing to nationally fifth-ranked NYU in the finals, 3-2. Cortland also lost to NYU in five games in last year’s championship match. The Red Dragons, ranked 20th in Division III, are now 12-1.

Cortland freshman middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) and senior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) were named to the all-tournament team. Chatman averaged 2.3 kills and 1.7 blocks per game and hit a team-high .250 in 15 games during the tournament. Rakita averaged 10.4 assists per game and also registered 43 digs, 11 blocks and six aces in 15 games.

Cortland defeated Fredonia in the semifinals, 30-25, 30-28, 30-26. Senior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) was nearly unstoppable in the match with 15 kills and no error in 21 attempts for a .714 attack percentage. She also had eight digs and two aces. Junior outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) added nine kills and Rakita finished with 33 assists, four aces and nine digs.

In the championship match, Cortland lost the first game, 30-28, but bounced back to win the next two games, 32-30 and 30-27. The Red Dragons held a 13-6 lead in the fourth game before the Violets (11-2) rallied. NYU won the game, 30-28, then posted a 15-7 win in the fifth game.

Marsh put down 15 kills and recorded 18 digs in the loss. Turner had 13 kills, Chatman added eight kills and a team-high 11 blocks and Rakita totaled 43 assists, eight blocks and four kills.

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**Saturday’s Results:**
Championship - NYU 3, Cortland 2
Third Place - Fredonia 3, Ithaca 2
Fifth Place - RIT 3, Brockport 0
Seventh Place - St. John Fisher 3, Nazareth 2
Ninth Place - Geneseo 3, Clarkson 1
11th Place - Rochester 3, Buffalo St. 0

Semifinals - Cortland 3, Fredonia 0
Semifinals - NYU 3, Ithaca 1

**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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