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SUNY Cortland Women’s Volleyball

Day 1 of SUNYAC East Round Robin
Friday, September 23, 2005; SUNYIT; Utica, N.Y.

UTICA, N.Y. -- SUNY Cortland, tied for 19th in the latest Division III national poll, opened State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division women’s volleyball round robin play with a 3-0 victory over Oneonta, but was then upset, 3-2, by New Paltz in the final match of the evening. Cortland entered the match with a 42-0 lifetime record versus the Hawks.

Cortland is now 14-2 overall and 1-1 in divisional play. The Red Dragons will face Potsdam, SUNYIT and Plattsburgh in Saturday’s action. Each of the six teams in the division will play three times on Saturday, as well as five more times in Potsdam on Oct. 21-22. The top three finishers in both the East and West will advance to the SUNYAC tournament Nov. 5-6 at the East champion.

Cortland began play Friday with a 30-21, 30-28, 30-19 win over Oneonta. Senior outside hitter Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) and freshman middle hitter Tiffany Chatman (Watertown) led the Red Dragons with 11 kills apiece. Turner also had nine digs and three aces, while Chatman hit at a .470 clip and recorded eight blocks. Senior setter Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) finished with 33 assists and four blocks. Junior outside hitter Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) and sophomore middle hitter Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) added six kills each, with Marsh also registering five aces. Cortland had a team hitting percentage of .245.

In the evening’s last round, New Paltz handed Cortland a five-game defeat, winning 30-24, 23-30, 30-25, 28-30, 15-13. Turner led the Red Dragons with 17 kills and 10 digs. Chatman put down 14 kills and blocked 10 attempts and Kahrs finished with 13 kills and five blocks. Freshman libero Kate Gosman (East Northport/Elwood John Glenn) recorded 27 digs, Rakita had 45 assists, 13 digs and five blocks, and Marsh contributed 11 kills.

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