POTSDAM, N.Y. – Cortland claimed its 20th State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Eastern Division women's volleyball title in 21 years with a 9-1 record, including three wins on Saturday to conclude divisional play at SUNY Potsdam.

The Red Dragons will host the six-team SUNYAC championship tournament Nov. 4-5 at Corey Gymnasium. New Paltz (8-2) and Potsdam (6-4) will also represent the East, while Brockport (7-1), Geneseo (6-2) and Fredonia (4-4) are the Western division representatives. Cortland and Brockport will receive byes into Saturday's semifinal round. The tournament winner will earn an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III tournament.

Cortland was 5-0 over the weekend, with all of its wins by 3-0 margins, and is now 26-6 overall. The Red Dragons opened play Saturday with a 30-10, 30-17, 30-17 win versus SUNY Institute of Technology. Senior Lauren Nels (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) paced Cortland with eight kills and two aces. Sophomore Lauren Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) added seven kills and seven digs, junior Daina Marsh (North Syracuse/Cicero-North Syracuse) tallied five kills and freshman Britney Horton (Owego/Owego Free Academy) had 19 assists.

Cortland then defeated Plattsburgh, 30-18, 30-21, 30-14 behind freshman Tiffany Chatman's (Watertown) 16 kills and nine blocks. Senior Danielle Turner (Farmingville/Sachem) and Marsh each had seven kills, senior Lizz Rakita (Lake Grove/Sachem) finished with 24 assists and freshman Kate Gosman (East Northport/Elwood John Glenn) added nine digs and three aces.

The Red Dragons completed divisional play with a 30-24, 34-32, 30-16 win over Oneonta. Marsh recorded 13 kills and seven digs and Turner had nine kills and nine digs in the victory. Lizz Rakita recorded 28 assists and six kills, sophomore Alice Kahrs (Kings Park) and Chatman each had five blocks and five kills and Gosman totaled 15 digs.

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