State University of New York Athletic Conference
Women’s Volleyball Tournament – Day 1

Friday, Nov. 4, 2005; Corey Gymnasium; Cortland, N.Y.


Potsdam, making its first SUNYAC Tournament appearance since 1999, advanced to the semifinals with a five-game victory over Geneseo in a match that took almost two hours to complete. Potsdam, which also advanced to the semifinals in 1999, will face host and two-time defending league champion Cortland on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Bears (22-15) were led by senior outside hitter Lynn Sorel (Brockport), who finished with 28 kills, a .392 attack percentage and 15 digs. Senior outside hitter Kathryn Svatek (Schaghticoke/Averill Park) added 13 kills, 12 digs and three blocks and sophomore Jamie Kraus (New Paltz) amassed nine kills and eight blocks. Senior Lauren Flaherty (Ronkonkoma/Sachem) led the Bears with 19 digs and senior setter Sarah Cunningham (Gananoque) totaled 24 assists.

Geneseo (21-15) was paced by junior outside hitter Megan Wailand’s (West Seneca/West Seneca East) 15 kills and 11 digs. Sophomore middle hitter Courtney Nash (Orchard Park/Mt. Mercy) added 11 kills, a .435 attack percentage and six blocks and sophomore Kate Barth (Babylon/St. Anthony’s) finished with 10 kills and 11 digs. Sophomore outside hitter Jessi Laemlein (Webster/Schroeder) notched a team-high seven blocks and freshman Ashley Saltzman (Penfield) dished out 35 assists.

Quarterfinal Match:   New Paltz def. Fredonia, 30-24, 30-20, 30-27

New Paltz earned a spot in the SUNYAC semifinals for the first time since 1999 with a three-game sweep over Fredonia. The Hawks (28-10) will play Brockport on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., with the championship match set for 4 p.m.

Senior outside hitter Andrea Kaiser (Blue Point/Bayport-Blue Point) led a balanced New Paltz attack with 10 kills and a .318 attack percentage. Junior outside hitter Kim Clouston (Baldwinsville/C.W. Baker) added nine kills and 12 digs, senior Christina Mazurowski (Tonawanda/Kenmore East) contributed seven kills and a team-high eight blocks, and sophomore middle hitter Kim Braga (Long Beach) finished with six kills.

Senior libero Christina Butcher (North Salem) led the Hawks with 17 digs and sophomore Katie Becofsky (Altamont/Schalmont) recorded 33 assists, seven digs and three blocks.

Fredonia (24-13) was led by freshman outside hitter Amy Bertrando’s (Westfield) 12 kills. Sophomore outside hitter JaHanna Dixon (Hamburg/Frontier) and senior middle hitter Elizabeth Schaller (Marilla/St. Mary’s) finished with 11 kills apiece. Junior middle hitter Stephanie Degolier (Cassadaga/Cassadaga Valley) added seven kills, senior setter Traci Pieczynski (Lancaster/St. Mary’s) totaled 41 assists and sophomore defensive specialist Allyson Strein (Mineola) registered a team-best 12 digs.

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