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(Neb.)-Eagles trump Metro State

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CHADRON – Solid pitching performances proved to be the difference as Chadron State College split a pair of Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference games with Metro State and Fort Lewis Saturday in Chadron.

Aryn Grywusiewicz tossed a complete game and allowed just three hits to lead the Eagles (11-17, 9-12 RMAC) to their 4-2 victory in the day's opener. However, Fort Lewis pitcher Victoria Johnson allowed just two hits and one earned run in the Skyhawks' 6-4 victory in the finale.

Fort Lewis (9-18, 7-15 RMAC) also defeated Metro State (12-19, 5-14 RMAC) in the second game Saturday, 11-10.

The same three teams will play three games Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

Against Metro State, Grywusiewicz struck out six and walked just one batter to improve to 5-10 in the circle this season.

The Eagles tied things the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the third when Nikki Ritzen hit a sacrifice fly that plated Ashlynn Marino.

Chadron State scored three more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Katie Londo led off with a double and Amy Schartz then singled up the middle. Following a fly out, Rebecca Wetsch hit an RBI single and Marino added a 2-RBI double.

Metro State's Mary Towner hit a solo home run in the top of the fifth but Grywusiewicz got the Roadrunners out in order in the sixth and seventh innings to preserve the win.

The Eagles scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning after Fort Lewis committed three errors but the Skyhawks plated two runs in the second and three more in the fourth to take a 5-3 lead.

Johnson, who also was the winning pitcher against Metro State, didn't allow a hit until the fifth inning when Marino led off with a double. Katelyn Kruger then answered with a double of her own to score Marino.

The Eagles went down in order in the sixth and managed to have two runners on base in the seventh but Katie Watkins pitched a scoreless inning to get the save.