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(Neb.)-Lopers Sweep Eagles

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KEARNEY, Nebraska – The Nebraska-Kearney softball team moved its record to .500 with two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference wins over Chadron State College Friday in Kearney.

The Lopers (17-17, 13-13 RMAC) won the first game 4-1 and followed with an 8-1 victory in the day's finale.

The two teams will play another doubleheader today (Saturday). First pitch is scheduled for 10 a.m.

The Eagles, now 13-24 overall and 11-17 in the RMAC, managed just two hits in the first game off UNK's pitcher Kirstie Hiatt. She didn't allow CSC a base rip – a single by Nikki Ritzen – until the top of the sixth inning.

CSC got on the board in the top of the seventh when Katie Londo, who led the frame off with a single, scored after Amy Schartz grounded out.

The Lopers' lead was never in jeopardy, though. They scored one run in the bottom of the first after back-to-back singles and added two more in the third while riding Hiatt's strong pitching performance.

In the second game, UNK big advantage of CSC miscues. The Eagles committed three errors in the game, including two that led to five unearned runs by the Lopers in the third inning as they cruised to their 8-1 victory.

Londo again scored the Eagles' lone run in the fourth inning when Stephanie Townsend, who suffered the loss in the circle, drove her in with a single through the third base line.

Angela Jay paced the CSC offense with a 2-for-3 performance from the plate and Nikki Ritzen, who has hit safely in a school-record 18 consecutive games, went 1-for-3.

Becky Dunn earned the decision for UNK. In seven innings of work, she struck out five and scattered six hits.

Both of Saturday's final two RMAC games against Kearney, will be broadcast on Stereo AM 610 KCSR and streamed at Chadrad.com beginning at 10:00.

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