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(Neb.) - Townsend propels Eagles to season finale win

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CHADRON – Chadron State’s Stephanie Townsend made sure her final game in an Eagles’ uniform was one she wouldn’t forget.

Townsend, a senior from Roosevelt, Utah, tossed a complete game and drove in three runs in the Eagles’ 7-1 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference victory over Metro State in the regular season finale for both teams.

Metro State (25-25, 22-16 RMAC) won the first game in five innings, 10-2.

The second game belonged to the Eagles, thanks in large part to Townsend’s efforts in the circle and solid defense behind her.

After three scoreless innings for both teams, Chadron State’s offense got it going. The Eagles scored five in the bottom of the fourth after two home runs and added one apiece in the fifth and sixth to cruise to the win.

In the fifth, Amy Schartz led off with a single and Townsend gave the Eagles their first lead of the game on the ensuing pitch when blasted a home run over right center field wall.

The Eagles (17-32, 14-24 RMAC) added three more runs after Katelyn McBeth drew a walk and Ashlynn Marino hit a single up the middle of the infield to set the table for Danielle L’Argent’s three run round tripper, her second of the weekend series.

Townsend, who scattered six hits and survived six walks but allowed just one run and struck out six, hit an RBI single the following inning that scored Angela Jay to put the Eagles up 6-1.

Jay, who was also playing in her final game, had her own RBI single in the top of the sixth when she scored L’Argent from second base.

The Roadrunners led wire-to-wire in the first game and received home runs from three different players en route to their 10-2 victory.

Chadron State’s Katie Londo provided a bright spot for the Eagles, though, when she hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning to put her season total at 50, the second-most in school history.

(Story courtesy of CSC Sports Information)