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(Neb.) - Metro State nips Chadron

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CHADRON – Late runs proved to be the difference as Metro State squeezed by Chadron State in a pair of Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference doubleheaders Saturday in Chadron.

The Roadrunners, now 24-24 overall and 21-15 in the conference, scored two critical runs in the top of the eighth to win 5-3 before scoring one in the top of the seventh to win a wild second game, 13-12.

The two squads will play another doubleheader today (Sunday). First pitch is scheduled for 11 a.m. It will be the season finale for Chadron State.

Although the Eagles (16-31, 13-23 RMAC) never owned a lead in either game they put a lot of heat on Metro State, especially in the second game.

The Roadrunners led 11-0 after the first two innings but CSC got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Katelyn McBeth hit a 2-run homer to left center field.

Metro State responded with another run in the fifth to take a commanding 12-2 lead but the Eagles had put together a huge inning to stay in the game, scoring eight in the bottom of the frame with one out.

The Eagles strung together four straight hits after Brittany Chacon drew a walk and Amy Schartz, Stephanie Townsend and Katelyn McBeth each had RBI blasts. Amanda Einspahr then walked to load the bases and Rebecca Wetsch made her first career home run count, hitting a grand slam over the left center field wall to cut the Roadrunners' lead to 12-10.

After a scoreless inning from Metro in the sixth, Wetsch drove in another pair of runs to tie things up when her single through the left side plated Ashlynn Marino and Schartz.

The Roadrunners responded in the seventh. Molly Clark, who hit a grand slam in the second inning, walked and advanced to third after a wild pitch and a passed ball. Jessica Eatmon, who suffered the loss in relief, then struck out two straight batters but Amanda Taney hit a ball to center field that scored Clark.

Metro's Aubree Maul, who earned the win in the first game, got her second win of the day after she retired the final three CSC batters in a row in the bottom of the seventh.

In the first game, Brittney Padilla hit a 2-run home run in the top of the eighth to propel Metro to a 5-3 lead.

The Roadrunners struck right out of the gate when Kelsey Tillery, who leads all of Division II in home runs, hit a leadoff dinger. Clark later scored in the inning and Tillery put Metro up 3-2 in the seventh when she scored after hitting a double.

The Eagles, who had just two hits in the first four innings, had a tough time finding their offense until the fifth when Danielle L'Argent hit a 2-run shot over left field with two outs. They tied things up an inning later when Schartz hit a solo shot but weren't able to generate any offense in the bottom of the eighth.

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