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(Neb.)-Eagles Soar Past Cougars

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CHADRON – The Chadron State College men's basketball team put together a strong second half to earn a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference victory over Colorado Christian 75-71 Friday at Armstrong Gymnasium.

The Eagles, now 3-19 overall and 3-15 in the RMAC, will host Colorado Mines tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Trailing by six points at half, the Eagles used some timely shooting to grab a 52-48 lead with just less than nine minutes to play.

With the game tied 62-62 Zac Bargen hit a clutch 3-pointer to give the Eagles its biggest lead since the 9-minute mark. However, it was short-lived as Avery Redmond came down on the Cougars' next possession and hit a 3-pointer of his own.

The remaining four minutes went back and forth until the Eagles grabbed a 4-point lead after another bucket from Bargen.

With 40 seconds to play Kyle Weaver cut the Eagles lead to 73-71. Following a missed shot on the Eagles' next possession, Colorado Christian had a chance to tie or win the game.

Chadron State's Chris Taylor applied aggressive defense, though, and forced a bad pass by the Cougars to regain possession for the Eagles.

Following an inbounds pass, Bargen, who scored 14 points in the second half, calmly knocked down both free throws to ice the game.

The Eagles were led by Bargen who finished with 20 points and seven rebounds. Kendrick Holliman added 16 and Kyle Vinich finished with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Redmond led Colorado Christian, now 13-9 and 10-8 in conference, with 21 points.

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