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(Neb)-Eagles Snap Losing Streak, Split DH

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CHADRON, Neb. -- The Chadron State College softball team split the first two games of a four-game series with Colorado School of Mines, playing back from behind in game one to win 6-4, before falling 13-1 in a five-inning game two on Sunday in Chadron.

Sophomore pitcher [Jessica Jarecki](#) threw the ball 188 times in the two games, striking out 15 batters to get to the 150 mark for the season, fifth all-time at Chadron State. She improved to 8-12 on the season pitching the complete game win, while also pitching two and two-thirds innings in the loss.

[Dallas Magnusson](#) was the pitcher of record in the second game, getting her first start of the season.

[Angelica Maples'](#) fifth home run of the season lifted the Eagles over their opponent in the early game.

The Orediggers' offensive standout Clara Larson put her team up 1-0 with a solo homer in the first. Two hits, a walk and an error put three more across for the visitors in the fourth.

CSC finally responded in the sixth, with a [Kayla Michel](#) homer that brought home [Leilani Niccum](#). [Ellie Owens](#) doubled home [Bailynn Meek](#), and pinch-hitter [Jessica Kleine](#)'s RBI single plated Owens. [Angelica Maples'](#) two-run home run would later score [Kendyl Moody](#), replacing Kleine as a baserunner.

In the mid-afternoon game, the Orediggers produced most of their offense against a depleted CSC pitching staff, after an illness sidelined the Eagles' number two [Megan Horn](#). Mines grabbed a 5-0 run in the first two innings against Magnusson, Chadron State's star reliever.

The Mines offense proceeded to notch eight more runs in the fourth and fifth innings, with Jarecki exiting and [Haylee McKeehan](#) finishing the game.

CSC sits at 12-25 (10-17 RMAC) and in contention for a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference postseason berth at eighth in the standings, pending the outcome of several games Monday which involve seventh-place Adams State, as well as ninth-place Black Hills State.