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**(Neb)-Chadron Beats Guardian Angel CC 13-5, Stays Alive At State**



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**HASTINGS** - Chadron defeated Guardian Angel Central Catholic of West Point 13-5 in 5 innings this morning to stay alive in the Class C softball state tournament.

The Cardinals, who lost their opener yesterday to Arlington 2-1, never trailed after scoring 3 runs in the bottom of the 1st, highlighted by an RBI double from Micah Stuffer.

Guardian Angel got a run back in the 2nd, but Chadron added another 4 runs in the 3rd and 1 in the 4th to make it 8-1 going into what would prove to be a wild 5th inning.

Guardian Angel scored 4 runs and had runners on 1st and 2nd with no outs when the home plate umpire ruled the batter had been hit by the pitch by Dana Dunbar while bunting with 2 strikes.

Chadron coach Jodi Hendrickson appealed and after a lengthy discussion among themselves the umpires ruled the ball was in the strike zone when the batter was hit, making it a strike and a strikeout. Dunbar then struck out the next 2 batters as well to end the threat.

In their half of the inning, the Cardinals took advantage of walks, errors, and timely hitting to score 5 times, ending the game on the mercy rule with a walk-off bases-loaded walk.

Dunbar finished with 5 strikeouts, but also walked 5 and gave up 7 hits. At the plate, she broke an 0-6 slump with 2 hits and 2 RBIs while her younger sister Dawn hit a solo homer in the 4th inning, Chadron's first of the tournament.

Kylee Garrett reached base all 4 times she came to the plate for Chadron with 2 hits and 2 walks, scoring twice and driving in 2 runs. Dana Dunbar also had 2 hits and 2 RBIs while Hannah Kennell had 2 hits and 1 RBI

The Cardinals don't have long to celebrate as they play Fairbury in another elimination game set for 10:30 MT. The loser of that game goes home while the winner will play in another elimination game at 3:30 MT.