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(Neb)-CSC Spring FB Game On As Planned Sat AM

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CHADRON - After the blizzard that hit northwest Nebraska on Wednesday and Thursday, dumping about a foot of snow on the Chadron area, it seemed likely the Chadron State College football team's spring game scheduled for Saturday would have to be cancelled.

However, when skies began clearing Friday morning, it was determined the game will take place as planned.

But first Elliott Field had to be cleared. So late Friday morning, a 100-man crew armed with snow shovels and huge garbage cans went to work.

The crew was made up of the Eagles' football players and coaches. It took them more than three hours to get the job done.

"It was a huge amount of work to get all the snow off the field, again," Head Coach Jay Long said. "Remember, the end zones and the sidelines also have to be cleared.

"But everybody wanted to play the game, so we had get rid of the snow and there was just one way to do that--go to work. Now, we'll be on the field at 10 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning and kick off at 10:30, just as we had planned."

It wasn't the first time the Eagles had cleared their new all-weather turf this spring. Exactly a month ago, on Friday, March 15, the team spent about three hours removing the snow so practice could begin the following Monday.

That was after the start of spring ball already had been delayed for a week winter storms. Then the first of the two almost identical blizzards hit.

A dozen practices took place between the blizzards. Long said despite the obstacles, the Eagles have had a good spring, lots of learning and improvement have occurred, and he's looking forward to the game. A couple more practices are planned for next week to wrap up the workouts.

The roster has been divided into two teams, each of which will have enough players "to be almost two deep at every position," Long said.