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(Neb.)-Weather forces Eagles to alter practice schedule

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CHADRON – The Chadron State football team takes pride in being audible ready. Last weekend was a perfect example of that mentality because the team headed north for two practices at O’Harra Stadium in Rapid City, S.D.

The field turf stadium belongs to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Various high schools in the Rapid City area also play at the stadium.

With all of the snow the Chadron area received last week, head coach Jay Long knew he had to get a few practices outside with his team.

“We went up there because we had a foot of snow on the ground and we really wanted to get outside. We had been practicing in the (Nelson Physical Activity Center) but we thought it would be best to try and get a few practices outside.” Long said.

The practices on Saturday and Sunday were three hours long and both featured a 70-play scrimmage.

Long said South Dakota Mines was a gracious host, letting the Eagles use its equipment and locker rooms for the trip.

Because of the heavy snowfall in the Chadron area, the football team has also been forced to practice indoors at the Nelson Physical Activity Center.

Long said the Eagles have had four practices indoors and two more are scheduled for Thursday and Friday leading up to the spring game, which is Saturday at 10:30 a.m., weather permitting.