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(Neb.)-Eagles Rally Past ThunderWolves

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CHADRON – Thanks to three consecutive victories to close the match, the Chadron State College wrestling team earned a 25-18 win over Colorado State University-Pueblo in their dual Thursday evening at the Nelson Physical Activity Center.

The win was the first home victory for the Eagles, 5-3 overall and 1-1 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, this season.

"We had a great crowd tonight and I was happy we wrestled well in front of them. Getting that first win at home always feels good," interim head coach *Brett Hunter* said. "Pueblo is a well-coached team and we knew we had to come out ready to compete. I'm proud we matched their intensity and we earned this win as a team."

The match started out quickly in Pueblo's (1-3) favor when No. 1 ranked Jesse Hillhouse pinned *Jace Johnson* at 125 pounds in the first period.

However, the Eagles posted bonus points in their next two bouts when *Perry McAfee* won by injury default at 133 and *Leandro Arias* followed with a pin over Pueblo's Adam Ortivez early in the third period at 141.

Pueblo's Jimmy Chase tied the dual at 12-12 after pinning *Reed Burgener* at 149 late in the third period and the ThunderWolves proceeded to take the lead after Nick Stahler earned a gritty 4-3 decision over *Bryce Wiedeman* at 157.

Dylan Fors at 165 responded for the Eagles when he gutted out a 5-3 decision over Trevor Grant but the ThunderWolves went back on top after Ray Hall claimed a narrow 3-2 decision over *Devan Fors* at 174 pounds.

The Eagles then took control of the match, beginning with *Jordan Debus*' strong 5-2 decision over Adam Carey at 184.

Chris Leak followed with an inspired 18-6 major decision at 197 over Bill Gray and Michael Hill won by a 2-0 decision over Niko Bogojevic at heavyweight.

Chadron State will host Colorado Mesa University Thursday, Jan. 17. The first match will begin at 7 p.m.

Chadron State 25, CSU-Pueblo 18
125 – No. 1 Jesse Hillhouse, CSUP, pinned *Jace Johnson*, 2:39
133 – *Perry McAfee*, CSC, won by injury default over James Harvey
141 – *Leandro Arias*, CSC, pinned Adam Ortivez, 5:16
149 – Jimmy Chase, CSUP, pinned *Reed Burgener*, 6:33
157 – Nick Stahler, CSUP, dec. *Bryce Wiedeman*, 4-3
165 – *Dylan Fors*, CSC, dec. Trevor Grant, 5-3
174 – Ray Hall, CSUP, dec. *Devan Fors*, 3-2
184 – *Jordan Debus*, CSC, dec. Adam Carey, 5-2

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197 – *Chris Leak*, CSC, major dec. Bill Gray, 18-6
285 – Michael Hill, CSC, dec. Niko Bogojevic, 2-0

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