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(Neb.)-Fort Lewis Women Defeat Eagles, 78-66

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CHADRON—Four Fort Lewis players scored in double digits Friday night as the Skyhawks defeated Chadron State 78-66 in a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference women's basketball game in Armstrong Gymnasium.

Kaile Magazzeni, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, came off the bench to lead Fort Lewis with 16 points while Ashley Kuchar and Erika Richards, a pair of junior guards, each scored 15 points and Katrina Garcia, a senior guard, added 11.

The Skyhawks are now 4-6 for the season and 3-3 in the conference.

Chadron State was led by 5-11 junior forward Kattie Ranta, who sank 11 of 17 shots, most of them 10 to 15-foot jumpers, for a game-high 22 points. She also led the Eagles with seven rebounds.

Sophomore guard Kate Simonton contributed 15 points for CSC, now 1-10 overall and 1-6 in the RMAC.

An eight-minute drought in the first half was costly for the Eagles. The score was tied at 9-9 with 16:27 left in the half, but Fort Lewis outscored the hosts 19-2 to build a 28-11 lead before Ranta made a pair of jumpers to break the dry spell.

The Skyhawks led 41-26 at halftime and were ahead by as many as 26 points in the second half. CSC tallied 13 of the game's final 15 points to slice the difference to the final 12 points.

Fort Lewis shot 39.4 percent (26-66) from the field and Chadron State shot 41.8 percent (23-55). But the Skyhawks had nine fewer turnovers (27 to 18) to help them have more field goal attempts.

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