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(Neb.)-Late Free Throws Lift Eagles Over Cowgirls, 66-64

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LAS VEGAS, N.M. – Chadron State's Lisa Durden hit two free throws with 3.3 seconds to play and New Mexico Highlands missed a long range shot as time expired to give the Eagles a 66-64 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference victory Friday evening.

The Eagles, now 3-11 overall and 3-7 in the RMAC, trailed by as many as nine points in the second half but they received some clutch play down the stretch.

Hattie Guzman put the Eagles up 64-62 with 56 seconds to play when she sank a layup while being fouled. She added the ensuing free throw and it was the first time CSC led since early in the second half.

Highlands answered with two free throws from Alyssa Lopez, who finished with a game-high 22 points, but the Eagles had possession of the ball and 25 seconds on the clock.

After running down the time in the backcourt, Durden, who finished with nine points, drove to the lane and drew a foul on the Cowgirls. Durden calmly sank both foul shots and Highlands' final shot spun off the back end of the rim.

Dallas Shaw led the Eagles with her second consecutive double double – 11 points and 12 rebounds – and Greer Babbe added 11 points, five boards and two blocks.

Guzman finished with 10 points and Sadie Waugh scored nine more.

The Eagles and Cowgirls each made 20 field goals but CSC shot 36 percent compared to just 29 for Highlands.