

**(Neb.)-Schartz walk off home run lifts Eagles over Roadrunners**

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CHADRON – Amy Schartz hit a solo home run on the first pitch of the seventh inning to lift the Chadron State College softball team to a 7-6 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference victory over Metro State Sunday at the CSC Softball Field.

In the Eagles' first game, Fort Lewis, which also defeated Metro State earlier in the day, won 5-4.

Against Metro, the Eagles (12-18, 10-13 RMAC) led 6-1 after Sarah Knudsen hit a grand slam in the bottom of the third inning. However, the Roadrunners (12-21, 5-16 RMAC) scored five runs in the top of fifth inning to tie things up.

Chadron State's Breeze Phillips, who earned the win in relief, came in and got the final out of the fifth and then pitched nearly flawlessly in the final two innings by allowing just two runners.

The Eagles failed to answer Metro's big inning in the sixth but that set the stage for Schartz's game-winning solo shot over right center field.

Chadron State finished with 10 hits in the game. Rebecca Wetsch, Schartz and Amanda Einspahr each had two apiece.

In the first game Fort Lewis scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning to preserve its 5-4 victory.

Destinee DeHerrera led the Skyhawks with two RBIs, including a home run.

The Eagles never led in the game but managed to score one run in the final four innings and tied things at 3-3 heading into the seventh inning. However, Fort Lewis scored two runs and the Eagles were unable to answer.

Katie Londo, Schartz, Shea Graham and Knudsen each drove in a run but no CSC player had more than one hit.

Fort Lewis pitcher Kassie Haubert earned the win by tossing six innings. She scattered five hits and struck out four. Katie Watkins pitched a scoreless seventh to earn a save.