

(Neb.)- Long-range Shooting Lifts eagles Over Mavs

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)Chadron)- One day after making 14 3-pointers in a win over Western State, the Chadron State College men's basketball team outdid itself, sinking 17 treys en route to a convincing 94-82 victory over Colorado Mesa.

The Eagles were lights out from long range, connecting on 17 of 30 3-pointers (57 percent) to tie a school record for most treys made in a game. Chadron State also made 17 3-pointers against CSU-Pueblo in 2001-02.

Chadron State has now won three games in a row and improves to 10-11 overall and 7-10 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Following the weekend, the Eagles are in ninth place in the conference standings with five more games to play this season, including three in the friendly confines of Armstrong Gymnasium.

Six Chadron State players scored in double figures and all of them made at least one 3-pointer. David Downey led the way with 19 points, Grant Stone and Evan Brooks each finished with 13, Kendrick Holliman added 12, Zac Barga had 11 and Christopher Smith chipped in with 10.

Downey sank five treys, while Barga, Stone and Brooks each made three apiece.

The Eagles led for nearly the entire game and built a 49-38 halftime advantage after making nine of 13 3-pointers in the first half and shooting 68 percent from the field. The Eagles cooled off a bit in the second half - they shot 59 percent from the field - but their double-digit lead was never threatened.

While CSC certainly shot well, the Eagles also made crisp passes, finishing with 22 assists. Chris Taylor had a team-high six and Brooks, Barga and Smith each had three.

Landon Vermeer led Mesa with 21 points and Ryan Stephan finished with 17.