



Win over Chadron came at one of few home appearances

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Chase County's varsity softball team picked up its second win of the season Friday afternoon against Chadron.

And, Chase County's 12-4 victory came on the Imperial field after a shortened, five-inning game.

The game also avenged a two-run loss to Chadron less than a week earlier at the Scottsbluff tournament where games were on a time limit.

Coach Denise Smith said her team's defensive play was key in the Chadron win last week. Shortstop Abbi Vetter and catcher Ally Vrbas had great days on the field for the Lady Longhorns, she said, with several put-outs.

Chase County cut their number of errors to just two in the game, an area Smith said has plagued her team this season.



Imperial only trailed once in the game, 2-1, at the end of three innings.

But, Chase County's fourth and fifth innings combined for 11 total runs, allowing just two more across the plate for Chadron as the Lady Longhorns took the 12-4 win.

Chase County was also helped by eight Chadron errors and a pitcher who walked six including the final base on balls to Vetter, which walked in Chase County's winning run.

Chadron outhit Chase County seven to five in the game, but the Lady Longhorns were able to better capitalize after reaching base.

Earning hits, all singles, were Anna Bauerle, Michaela Space, Vetter, Claire Kuenne and Emma Mollendor.

Bauerle was on the mound for the five-inning game, striking out one, walking three and giving up seven hits.

Chadron is 6-13 on the season. Five of their wins have been against Alliance, the other team Chase County has defeated this season.

Game scoring:

Chase Co. 1 0 0 5 6—12

Chadron 0 1 1 0 2— 4



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