



Three-run win came against district foe

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Highlighted by a homerun and some great defensive play, Chase County defeated Chadron in a varsity game on the home Schroeder Park field last Friday.

The 6-3 win came against a team in the same C-6 district as Chase County, and who is just a point ahead of the Lady Longhorns in the NSAA Class C point standings.

It looked like it might be a shut-out as Chase County led 6-0 after five innings.

After two scoreless innings, the Lady Longhorns put four across in the third thanks to five singles, which represented half of their hits in the game.

Chase County scored two more in the fifth on a two-run homer by senior Jodi Koellner after Chadron sent a new pitcher to the mound. That pushed the score to 6-0.

Chadron was able to put together back-to-back singles in the sixth, and took advantage of four Chase County errors to score two, then another in the seventh.

But, Chase County had built a big enough lead to hold on for the win.

Coach Denise Smith said her team had a good day at the plate with 10 hits, in addition to some good defense.

A great center field catch by Destiny Reinke that was also covered by Katelyn Wheeler ended the top of the third and “got a spark” going, Smith said, which was followed by Chase County’s four-run bottom of the third.

Then, two innings later, came Koellner’s homerun.

“It was a great game to go into Saturday’s tournament with,” Smith added.

The Lady Longhorns will see Chadron again at a triangular in Chadron just a few days before the start of districts.

Anna Bauerle had a good day at the plate with three hits, two singles and a double. In addition to her homer, Koellner also connected for a single.

Others credited with hits, all singles, were Ally Vrbas, Katelyn Wheeler, Abbi Vetter, Emma Bauerle and Cassie Burpo.

Chadron had eight hits.

Anna Bauerle pitched the entire seven innings, striking out four and walking none.

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