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Central Battles Chico State Tough before Falling, 1-0

Wildcats Hold Visitors Scoreless for 77 Minutes in Season Opener

ELLENSBURG, Wash. – Central Washington freshman **Meghan Michaud** (Renton, Wash./Hazen HS) made nine saves in her collegiate soccer debut, but Chico State junior Heather Gravett broke a scoreless tie with her first goal of the season at the 78th minute as the visiting Wildcats defeated the host Wildcats, 1-0, in the women's soccer season opener for both teams.

Michaud had a busy day in the goal for CWU (0-1-0), as the home team surrendered 26 shot attempts in the contest. Fourteen of those came in the first half for Chico State (1-0-0), with Michaud coming up with five saves in the opening 45 minutes of play.

Central had just two shot attempts in the first period, but the Wildcats mustered a couple of offensive chances in the second half. Freshman **Katie Drollinger** (Naches, Wash./Naches Valley HS) was credited with Central Washington's lone shot on goal for the contest, as her shot from 25 yards out was punched over the goal by Chico State's Kari Gonzales at the 73rd minute.

Chico finally got on the scoreboard less than five minutes later, as Gravett took a pass from teammate Andrea Huerta and fired the ball into a vacated net. Huerta and Premila Carleson were each credited with assists for setting up the tally.

Central Washington had a solid opportunity to score the equalizer in the final minute, earning a corner kick with 35 seconds remaining, but the ensuing sequence of plays resulted in just one shot – that missed wide right.

Drollinger and fellow newcomer **Arica Slawson** (Buckley, Wash./White River HS) each had two shot attempts for CWU. Carleson and Courtney Quan each landed three shots on goal for Chico State, with Quan, Danielle Nieto, and Lexi Sheridan-Coons each finishing with four shot attempts. Gonzales made just one save in the goal for Chico State.

Central Washington hits the road for the first time in 2005 with a Saturday afternoon match at Albertson (noon MDT start). Chico State wraps up its two-game trip to the Pacific Northwest when it faces ninth-ranked Seattle Pacific at Interbay Stadium.

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NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S SOCCER
Chico State 1, Central Washington 0

Date: Aug 25, 2005

Attendance: 94

Weather: 80 degrees F, sunny, light breeze

Goals by period 1 2 Tot

Chico State..... 0 1 - 1
Central Washington.. 0 0 - 0

SCORING SUMMARY:

1. 77:05 CSUC Gravett, Heather (1) (Huerta, Andrea; Carleson, Premila)

Shots: Chico State 26, Central Washington 7

Saves: Chico State 1 (Gonzales, Kari 1), Central Washington 9 (Michaud, Meghan 9)

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