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BAYARD—Plainsmen quarterback Quinton Hite torched the Tigers secondary with three throws to Taylor Boldt in the end zone and both Justin Hatcher and Tim Johnson rushed for two touchdowns apiece to blast Perkins County to a 46-7 win Friday night in Bayard.

“I thought we played really well; we were really focused and our level of execution was much better than the week before. Playing teams the caliber of Cambridge, I think they get your player’s attention right away. It validated what they needed to work on, and they put in a pretty decent week of practice,” Plainsmen Head Coach Chip Kay said after the game.

Hite reached Boldt in the end zone on Perkins County’s first two possessions, staking the visitors to a 14-0 lead and scoring all the points their suffocating defense would need.

The Plainsmen avoided a rough Bayard safety blitz and Hite delivered a pass to the right side of the end zone where Boldt positioned himself under it and gave the Plainsmen a 7-0 lead after 8:51 of play.



Same play, other side: Boldt made a one-handed grab while turning on the left of the end zone for a 14-0 lead on the Plainsmen’s second possession.

Hatcher led the Perkins County rushing attack that fought for a staggering 351 ground yards with 86 of those on 16 carries. He brutally blasted through the middle for scoring runs of nine and four yards and helped set the Plainsmen up with a 28-7 halftime lead.

Johnson gained the left edge of the line and sprinted 35 yards for a touchdown with 1:25 left in the game to put an exclamation point on a 99½-yard Plainsmen drive.

Defensive back Christian Miyamoto terminated a desperation pass to the end zone by intercepting it to set up Perkins County’s full-field march and Johnson’s second touchdown.

Johnson also banged in a four-yard touchdown run to close a drive paced by receiver Chase Miyamoto’s 30-yard reception. The sophomore Miyamoto crossed the middle of the field and Hite stuck the ball in a small “window” to convert a third-and-19 into big yardage.

Resting his arm, Hite tormented Bayard with his legs by faking pitches and keeping the ball for runs of 29 and 20 yards, showing flashes of speed in getting to the open field. Hite also threw for a career-high 207 yards and looked sharp doing it.

Christian Miyamoto’s return to action also allowed him to fight off an interfering defender and pull in a bomb from Hite for a 47-yard pass play in the first quarter.

Hardly overshadowed by the offensive fireworks, the Plainsmen defense suppressed several

good Bayard scoring opportunities. Bayard’s offense heaped 308 total yards together, but the Plainsmen rose up to keep points off the board.



“There were several times on film of the Bayard game that we watched Vinny [Ross] get double-teamed, use correct technique to re-direct, and make the tackle. If you have the attitude that you can’t be blocked and you can make every play, there’s a potential that you will. Vinny has personal drive, and you can’t coach that, and playing very well. We’re seeing that type of effort out of a lot of our players,” Coach Kay said.

The Tigers surged to the Plainsmen 20 until Boldt broke up Brandon Stuart’s fourth-down pass to Allen Denton early in the second quarter. Linebacker Chad Fosbinder stepped up and drilled Bayard senior running back Rayn Lohr at Perkins County’s four-yard line to end the first half.

In permitting Bayard to convert just five third downs, Perkins County forced Tigers senior Conner Maurer to punt five times.

Junior Tigers receiver Braydon Parriott broke the goose egg on Bayard’s side of the scoreboard by finding a seam in the middle of the field and taking Stuart’s throw 58 yards for the home team’s only score. The big play pulled Bayard to within 14 points at 21-7 with 3:05 left in the half, but the Plainsmen scored the final 25 points.

Hatcher and fellow linebacker Alex Johnston brought continuous pressure on Stuart’s 36 pass attempts, hurrying him and contributing to numerous incomplete passes.

Next Action

The Morrill Lions forfeited this Friday night’s homecoming game in Grant due to lack of players. The Plainsmen head south for a rivalry battle with the Chase County Longhorns on Friday, Oct. 21 in Imperial.

Scoring by Quarter

	1	2	3	4	
Perkins Co.	14	14	6	12	– 46
Bayard	0	7	0	0	– 7

Team/Qtr/Time/Scoring Play

- Perkins County 1, 3:09 Hite 17 pass to Boldt (Hite kick)
 - Perkins County 1, 1:08 Hite 30 pass to Boldt (Hite kick)
 - Perkins County 2, 4:23 Hatcher 9 run (Hite kick)
 - Bayard 2, 3:05 Stuart 58 pass to Parriott (Daniel kick)
 - Perkins County 2, 0:58 Hatcher 4 run (Hite kick)
 - Perkins County 3, 4:53 Hite 8 pass to Boldt (kick failed)
 - Perkins County 4, 10:42 Johnson run (kick failed)
 - Perkins County 4, 1:25 Johnson 35 run (kick failed)
- Rushing leaders—Perkins County: Hatcher 16 carries/86 yards (13 long) 2TD; Hite 7/69 (20);

Johnson 6/64 (35) 2TD; Johnston 12/62 (14); Carlson 6/45 (16); Bayard: Stuart 13/47 (7); Maurer 1/13.

Passing leaders—Perkins County: Hite 12 complete-20 attempts- 207 yards-3TD; Bayard: Stuart 16-36-227-1-2INT.

Receiving leaders—Perkins County: Boldt 7/94 (30) 3TD; Miyamoto, Christian 3/70 (45); Miyamoto, Chase 1/30; Bayard: Krantz 5/94 (38); Parriott 5/82 (58) TD; Lohr 4/35 (14); Denton 2/16 (11).

Defensive leaders—Perkins County: Hatcher 11 tackles (4 solo/7 assisted) Carlson 10 (7/3) Ross 7 (4/3); Brueggeman 5 (2/3); Johnston 5 (1/4); Miyamoto, Christian 4 (3/1).