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The Perkins County girls basketball team opened their home court season with an extremely close fought battle with the girls from Kimball. Perkins County came from a one point deficit in the fourth quarter as Tanya Metcalf canned an eight-foot jumper with less than 10 seconds remaining to go up 32-31. Then after a Kimball timeout, played tough defense to keep the Lady Longhorns from scoring and claim their second win of the young season.

The Plainsmen behind the strong offensive showing of Matisyn Humphrey, who picked up eight points in the first quarter, took a 14-9 lead into the second quarter.

Neither team could find many baskets in the second quarter due to a number of turnovers by each team and some weak shooting by the Longhorns.

Kimball hit on only two of 18 attempts and Perkins County hit on two of seven attempts. Kimball also got a point from the free throw line for the 5-4 quarter advantage and the Plainsmen girls still led by four, 18-14 going in at half.

In the third quarter Kimball got a few more shots to fall and hit for 13 points while the Perkins County girls could only come up with eight. Now the Perkins County girls were down one going into the fourth quarter. Again, neither team could score a lot in the fourth quarter as Perkins County only had six points and Kimball only got four. But the Metcalf basket was the big one in the quarter and in the game.

Perkins County was led in scoring by Matisyn Humphrey who did a great job on some high-low plays and also by getting positioned well under the basket and using that position to be able to get some easy shots against the Kimball defense. Shalee Pollard also did a good job on offense and helped the Plainsmen cause by scoring eight points.

Darbi Klinkhammer led Kimball with nine points. Unofficially Perkins County was 14 for 30 from the field for a very respectable 47 percent and went four of five from the line all by Shalee Pollard.

Kimball put the ball up 52 times, hitting on just nine from the field. Kimball was seven of 10 from the line. In a game where there could have been more fouls called from some people's perspective, only 10 were whistled on Kimball and 11 on the Lady Plainsmen.

The win ran the Lady Plainsmen's record to two wins and one loss as they travelled to Gothenburg on Saturday.

Next Action

The Lady Plainsmen host Sidney Friday Dec. 16, then travel to Ogallala to face the Lady Indians on Tuesday.

