

### By Pastor Vince Carrig

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Blake Poppe's blasts to the basket combined with a trio of three pointers from Elliot Carlson rescued the Plainsmen from fierce Wildcat rallies and propelled the Plainsmen to a 55-47 win over Wallace Friday night in Grant.

Poppe took contact twice before scoring in the fourth quarter, even completing a three-point play one of those times. His putback put Perkins County safely ahead 51-47.

Wallace senior forward Taylor Doell's fourth three pointer of the game made the game a cat fight, with the Wildcats constantly clawing at Perkins County's 47-41 lead.

Junior power forward Shane Anders' awesome second-effort basket and later free throw brought visiting Wallace to within three at 47-44 with 3:00 left.

Third quarter three pointers from Elliot Carlson and a pair from Quinton Hite rescued the Plainsmen from a fierce Wildcats rally after the Plainsmen put together a 30-24 lead.

"Coming back [from injury], it's always good to watch the ball go in the hole and hear the crowd get excited—the crowd really helped out with their energy [tonight]," the 6-foot senior guard Carlson said after the game.

Forwards Taylor Doell and Landon Swedberg had popped from behind the arc to give Wallace its first and only lead at 36-34 with with three minutes left in the third quarter.

Senior forward Alex Johnston willed his way to the basket to touch off an 8-0 run that allowed Perkins County to hold a 42-36 lead after the third quarter.

The teams combined to make 11 three pointers, with Carlson's three leading the home team.

Carlson's second triple of the game padded the Plainsmen's lead to 26-15, but junior forward Landon Swedberg retaliated in kind and cut Perkins County's lead to 26-20 at halftime.

Alex Johnston's twisting runner in the lane and guard Elliot Carlson's first three-pointer microwaved a nine-point, 21-12 second quarter Perkins County lead.

John Marquardt broke loose for a running layup and Taylor Doell put a triple on the scoreboard to quickly draw Wallace close early in the second quarter, 12-10.

Senior forward Colton White launched the Plainsmen off to a great start, rattling in a shot from just outside the lane and leaning right from the left side for points as well as wrapping a great pass around a defender to Johnston to stake Perkins County to a 12-5 lead.

### **Wallace 47, PC 55**

Wallace            5 15 17 10-47

Perkins Co.      12 14 16 13-55

Leading scorers—Perkins County: Carlson 2FG (3[x3])—13; Poppe 3 4/5FT—10; Johnston 4—8; Hite (2) 2/2—8; Sexson 3—6; White 3 0/2—6; Wallace: Swedberg 2 (2) 4/4—14; Doell (4) 1/2—13; Marquardt 3 3/4—9; Anders 1 4/6—6.