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Reserve power forward Alex Harms riddled the Plainsmen for 10 points in a 14-0 run that wrestled a 46-31 St. Pat's Irish win from Perkins County Friday night in Grant.

Harms led all scorers with 16 points and seemingly scored at will after the North Platte team took a 7-2 lead only to have the Plainsmen rally to close to within 9-8.



The 6-foot-2 junior Harms put away two offensive rebounds and found himself wide open during the run. He also demonstrated that he could spin from the block and nail short jumpers as well.

The St. Pat's Irish interior defense frustrated Plainsmen lane drivers, surrendering just six foul shots in a game that referees Mike Namuth, Dave McCarville and Andy Hurt kept moving with few whistles.

Four of the top six players in the Plainsmen rotation scored two points or fewer in the game.

When Harms did not trouble Perkins County, Irish starting center Mark Maywood moved adeptly in the lane and created his own shots to post eight points, also blocking several shots and making daylight disappear quickly on offense.

A virtually even game if one subtracts the Irish's early 14-0 rampage. Quinton Hite and Caleb Breazeale spun in two three pointers apiece, with guard Elliot Carlson counting one for the Plainsmen as well.

Hite scored 10 and Carlson eight points for Perkins County. Both scored impressive high-speed layups, with Hite squeezing a low one under a defender and Carlson spinning in the air for an "up-and-under."

Elusive point guard Sean Keenan gave the Plainsmen a break, scoring only seven points and missing more three pointers than the one he hit. The Plainsmen kept power forward Joseph Clinch under wraps, allowing him just seven markers. Clinch and Keenan erupted for 20 and 10 respectively against 7-3 Cozad Saturday night.

St. Pats 46, PC 31

Plainsmen drubbed by 16 off the bench by Irish's Harms

St. Pat's 17 10 9 10-46

Perkins Co. 7 6 10 8-31

Scoring leaders—Perkins County: Hite 2FG (2[x2])—10; Carlson 2 (1) 1/2FT—8; Breazeale (2)—6;
North Platte—St. Pat's: Harms 8—16; Mayfield 4—8; Keenan 2 (1)—7; Clinch 3 0/2—6