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Plainsmen guard Quinton Hite's three pointers stirred a 9-0 squall that eventually wrecked the Sailors as Perkins County shoved off from Sutherland with a 61-38 win Saturday night.

Hite (17 points) and fellow-senior Plainsmen Jake Sexson had the room to see the basket clearly from the arc all night, and both battened down a trio of triples apiece.

Sexson (13 points) scored all of his "threes" in the third quarter, with two coming on consecutive trips down the floor from nearly-identical spots.

Sailors guards Tyler Fear and Brett Good answered the Plainsmen's hot start with three pointers of their own, but they only postponed the inevitable as center Blake Poppe (eight points) imposed his will on the blocks and starting guard Elliot Carlson (11 points) cranked up from beyond the arc.

The Plainsmen raged to a 19-12 first quarter lead and intensified in the second quarter, with Hite and Carlson breezing to the basket for high-speed layups and Carlson exploding a ball down the hatch for a 15-4 second quarter run.

Sexson outscored the entire Sutherland crew in the third quarter, 11-10. Hot from even two feet behind the arc, the senior swingman dug up a steal and a rebound to get some free throws as well.

Fear scored 15 for Sutherland, but got little help beyond Good's pair of three-point makes.

Senior Plainsmen forward Colton White found the bank open late, scoring six points on four shots from the field. White's 12-footer from the right baseline landed through the exact center of the net.

Junior Plainsmen guard Matt Sestak stroked both free throws he took in the closing minutes of the game.

Next Action

The 4-7 Plainsmen will challenge the 5-6 Chase County Longhorns today (Thursday) in Imperial. The Longhorns have beaten common opponents Ogallala, Hershey, Gothenburg, and Dundy County-Stratton.

The Perkins County boys return home Friday for a game with the 6-4 Wauneta-Palisade Broncos. Coach Dave Kuhlen always sends a tough team to the floor; common opponent Wallace stampeded the Broncos earlier in the year, but Wauneta has won five of six, including hanging 90 on 0-8 South Platte.

PC 61, Sutherland 38

Perkins Co.	19	15	21	6–61
Sutherland	12	6	10	10–38

Scoring leaders–Perkins County: Hite 4FG (3[x3]) 0/1FT–17; Sexson 1 (3) 2/4–13; Carlson 4 (1)–11; Poppe 2 4/5–8; White 3 0/1–6; Sutherland: Fear 4 (2) 1/4–15; Good 1 (2) 1/3–9; Blomstedt 1 (1)–5.