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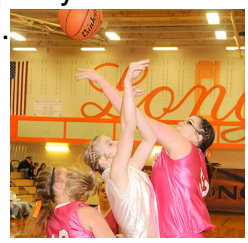
Freshman guard Brandie Ross' three-point play from an offensive rebound helped her Perkins County team butcher a seven-point Lady Longhorns halftime lead and win the "Pink Out" game 34-30 last Thursday night (Jan. 10) in Imperial.

Ross finished off an offensive rebound to give Perkins County breathing room with a 32-28 lead and under 2:00 remaining; her bucket-and-foul play in the third quarter fueled an 11-4 Lady Plainsmen takeover.

Ross' five points in the second half and eight for the game tied her with Matisyn Humphrey for "game-high" honors.

Humphrey stashed four first half free throws and gained the Lady Plainsmen permanent possession of the lead with a great pass to guard Michi Prante for a 30-28 Perkins County lead.

Humphrey also redirected an errant teammates shot for points to tie the game one last time, 28-28.



Chase County had briefly regained the lead on a 16-foot baseline shot from forward Paige Spady and a left wing, left-handed layup from Bethany Sorenson.

Point guard Jessi Hoffert's jumper from eight feet away and steal, drive and score gave the visitors in pink their first lead of the second half, 26-24.

"I couldn't be more pleased with our defensive performance in the second half where we held them to only six points," Lady Plainsmen Head Coach Deanne Bishop said after the game. "Our girls are doing a good job of 'gutting it out' and finding ways to win."

The Lady Longhorns wore white uniforms with pink numbers (and orange socks) as Perkins County wore pink uniforms with white numbers in honor of the schools' "Pink Out" fundraiser. All proceeds from the Imperial FFA chapter's sale of t-shirts went to the Chase County Hospital Foundation's Cancer Fund, benefitting people like Lady Longhorns sophomore Makenna Wallin (honored at halftime) as she battles acute myeloid leukemia.

Reserve guard Courtney Ostermiller rattled down one free throw and swished another to give Perkins County its final margin of victory, four points.

Lady Plainsmen center Shania Metcalf softly rolled down an eight-foot jump shot in the third quarter and along with Jessi Hoffert, finished with six points.

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| Perkins Co. | 7 | 10 | 11 | 6—34 |
| Chase Co. | 14 | 10 | 4 | 2—30 |

Scoring leaders—Perkins County: Ross 3FG 2/2FT—8; Humphrey 4 4/8—12; Hoffert, J. 3—6; Metcalf 3 0/2—6; Chase County: Sorenson 3—6; Spady 3—6; Fisher 2—4; Bartels (1[x3]) 1/2—4; Bubak 1 2/2—4.