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A 17-point first half from Plainsmen point guard Quinton Hite shot down the Maxwell Wildcats 71-29 Friday night in Grant. Hite pumped in two three pointers and a breakaway layup in the first quarter and added another “trey” in the second and helped create a 23-4 second quarter that withered the Wildcats.

The Plainsmen offense exploded for 151 points in two home games this week.

The senior point guard Hite’s nine points in the second quarter removed the competitive aspect of the game, as Perkins County outscored Maxwell by 19 points. Hite showed neither fear nor hesitation in launching his third “three” of the game.

Good defense in the form of hands in the passing lanes and shooters’ faces opened up two breakaway layups for senior guard Elliot Carlson (seven points) in the second quarter.

Tim Johnson stole a dribble and rolled on the hardwood before springing Hite for a second quarter breakaway score.

Maxwell had held leads in the first quarter and made the game a one-point contest with forward Zac Miller’s three-point play at 13-12.

Marcus Miller’s triple and guard Brandon Fletcher’s four-consecutive free throws made the first quarter the only quarter that Maxwell broke double-digit scoring (12).

Senior forward Colton White scored while twisting, falling, and fighting off a foul early in the fourth quarter to put Perkins County ahead 57-24. White found the bank open late twice in the third quarter and swirled in a mid-lane jumper in the fourth for 10 points.

Maxwell center Brandon Groseth pulled off a difficult “up-and-under” shot in the third quarter.

Caleb Breazeale powered through the paint for seven third quarter points, and teammate Jake Sexson reached from beyond and 14 feet away for five consecutive Plainsmen points in the second quarter.

Eleven Plainsmen scored in the game, with eight of those scoring four points or more.

Next Action

Winners of seven of their last eight games, the 10-8 Plainsmen host the 10-7 Cambridge Trojans on Friday. Cambridge beat Sutherland and Wallace but lost to Wauneta-Palisade this year. Perkins County travels east to meet 10-7 Cozad on Saturday. The Haymakers have wins over common opponents Chase County, Hershey, Ogallala and Gothenburg this year.

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Scoring leaders—Perkins County: Hite 4FG (3[x2])—17; White 5 0/1FT—10; Carlson 2 (1)—7; Breazeale 3 1/1—7; Poppe 2 1/4—5; Johnson 1 (1)—5; Sexson 1 (1)—5; Johnston 2 1/2—5; Maxwell: Miller, Z. 5 4/9—14.