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Swing forward Kaylea Reyes baled the Lady Plainsmen's hopes Saturday with 10 consecutive fourth quarter points for the Lady Haymakers to give them a 42-21 win in Cozad.

Kaylea Reyes backed from under the basket and spun a left-handed shot into the net and stole a pass for an easy one to mount a 33-19 lead for Cozad early in the final quarter. Kaylea Reyes led all scorers with 15 points.

The Lady Haymakers Kaylea Reyes' five points in dramatic fashion just after halftime had already put Perkins County in trouble. Kaylea Reyes stole a pass in the defensive lane and trucked it coast-to-coast and then drilled a three pointer from the top of the arc for a 26-13 Cozad lead.

Emily Reyes' third three-pointer in the game as the third quarter ticked off set Cozad up with a 28-17 lead with 8:00 left to play.

Shania Metcalf got and gave in the third quarter, spinning off the right block for a score and hitting an open Michi Prante for the Lady Plainsmen's only third quarter points. Perkins County girls missed two breakaway layups in the third period.

The visiting Perkins County squad shot at just a 23 percent clip in the game.

"Usually we count on about 18 points per game coming from a combination of free throws and fast break transition [points]," Lady Plainsmen Head Coach Deanne Bishop said after the game. "In this game, we shot only two free throws the entire game and ended up with only three points off the combination of those two things." Cozad forward Riley Sigler got out in transition and began to wrestle the game from the Lady Plainsmen's control in the second quarter. Sigler finished a weave and put back a breakaway layup, scoring six points in the quarter. Kaylea Reyes penetrated and dished a gift to Sigler, who opened a 20-10 Cozad lead just before halftime.

Lady Plainsmen shooters melted down in the second quarter, with Courtney McClenehan's field goal the only shot in 10 to succeed.

McClenahan's mid-lane, turn-around jumper set Perkins County up with an early 8-2 lead. The junior forward contributed six points in the first quarter, but two Emily Reyes' shots from behind the arc allowed Cozad to take and keep the lead near the end of the first quarter.

"Courtney McClenahan did a great job on the inside for us," Coach Bishop said. "She made a number of good low [post] moves and combined with some offensive rebounds, ended up with 10 of our total 21 points for the game."

Next Action

The 11-8 Lady Plainsmen finish their regular season schedule this week at home; 8-8 Creek Valley visited on Tuesday (coverage in next issue) and 4-15 Hayes Center arrives tonight (Thursday). The Lady Storm had won five of six games with a 50-point beat-down from Sutherland as their lone loss.

Perkins Co. 21, Cozad 42

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Cozad 12 8 8 14—42

Scoring leaders—Perkins County: McClenahan 5FG—10; Metcalf 3—6; Cozad: Reyes, K. 4 (2[x3]) 1/1—15; Reyes, E. (3)—9; Sigler 4 0/2FT—8; Laird 3 2/2—8.

