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No one could have convinced the Plainsmen that Jake Sexson's steal and breakaway layup that gave Perkins County a 27-21 lead late in the second quarter would have given them enough points to beat Creek Valley, but it did.

The visiting Storm managed just four points for the entire second half, laying a "goose egg" in the fourth quarter as the Plainsmen won 60-25 last Tuesday night (Feb. 5) in Grant.

Fourth quarter, back-to-back breakaway baskets from guards Elliot Carlson and Quinton Hite rolled the score to 49-25 and put the game in the win column for Perkins County.

Carlson led all scorers with 12 points in a game where 11 Plainsmen hit the score sheet. Another breakaway layup late in the game by Chase Miyamoto made Creek Valley look tired as the Storm petered into a mist.

Creek Valley earned their "zero" fourth quarter score with eight turnovers, 0-for-9 shooting from the floor and two missed free throws.

Forward Dane McConnell scored the Storm's last points of the game with a running layup late in the third quarter to make the score 41-25; the Plainsmen then ran off 19 unanswered points.

The Plainsmen dominated the paint in the third quarter, with Caleb Breazeale getting a mid-lane putback off his back foot, Carlson swinging arc-to-basket unhindered, and Alex Johnston making a three-point play for himself with a right-handed layup.

Creek Valley limited itself to four points again in the third quarter by shooting 2-for-8 from the field, turning the ball over twice, never getting a foul shot, and because Luke Cavalli charged two defenders trying to score.

Sexson actually picked the ball-handling forward Cavalli's pocket twice at the point in the second quarter, getting a flagrant foul call for his trouble the second time.

Alex Johnston flew to the basket for a pair of layups while Creek Valley missed 12 shots, violated four rules and allowed Plainsmen to steal three dribbles in scoring just four points in the second quarter.

Forward Sam Behrends (he of the matching lime green court shoes) grooved two three pointers with plenty of room behind the arc to give Creek Valley a 17-14 lead as the first quarter expired. Center Luke Cavalli also drilled two foul line jumpers in a stretch of time where the Storm looked tough to beat.

Carlson batted a pass in the Plainsmen defensive zone to Sexson, who sprung Carlson for a breakaway layup in the first quarter. Hite stole a dribble and took it for points as well.

Zac Kurkowski blocked a shot and nailed a 14-foot jumper for the Plainsmen's last points of the game.

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Creek Valley	17	4	4	0—25
Perkins Co.	14	14	15	17—60

Scoring leaders–Perkins County: Carlson 6FG 0/1FT–12; Johnston 5 1/3–11; Breazeale 2 (1[x3]) 4/4–11; Hite 2 (1)–7; Sexson 2 1/2–5; Creek Valley: Behrends 1 (2) 3/4–11; Garcia 2 2/5–6; Cavalli 3 0/1–6.