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The Plainsmen football team struck early and had a lead against Bayard on Oct. 18 but couldn't stop a wave of scoring by the Tigers in the fourth quarter to seal the deal.

Bayard came away with a 32-12 win at home over Perkins County.

PCS head coach Carlie Wells was proud of how his team fought and never gave in against Bayard.

"Our kids have had a great attitude and continue to work hard to compete," Wells said, adding that coming out and scoring early and holding a lead helped the overall confidence of the squad. "I think it gave our kids some confidence. We continue to preach no mental errors and we did a good job first half."

Derek Sis opened the scoring for both teams by breaking away for 62 yards and a touchdown with 10:26 left in the opening quarter. The two-point conversion failed and PCS was up 6-0.

The first quarter would end with PCS up but Bayard driving down the field. With 11:56 left in the half, Bayard tied the game at six-all. The two-point conversion for the Tigers failed.

Late in the half, Zac Rice scored his second TD for Bayard from one yard out, with the two-point conversion again no good. At halftime, Bayard led Perkins County 12-6.

A scoring gridlock kept the score 12-6 until the fourth quarter when Tristan Hunter finally knocked in a TD from four yards out. Rugby Miller ran in the two-point conversion and the Tigers widened their lead 20-6.

Bayard put together a time-killing offensive drive in the fourth quarter and with :34 left in the game Miller scored his second TD of the night from five yards out. The two-point conversion was no good and Bayard held a 26-6 lead.

With just :18 on the clock Bayard would score once more, from 54-yards. The PAT was no good and Bayard was up 32-6.

Undaunted, the Plainsmen took the field on offense and Sis ran 67 yards for a TD as time expired. The PAT was no good and PCS was able to post six more points for the final tally.

Bayard used a ground game to eat up clock and yardage. The Tigers had 519 yards of total offense, including 372 rushing yards. The time of possession for Bayard was 26:01, compared to 11:40 for PCS.

Untimely turnovers led to Bayard getting the fourth quarter push in scoring.

"If a couple of breaks go our way, it could be a different game. We had a couple of turnovers but did not get them," Wells said.

The Tigers had 76 total plays on the night, compared to 42 for PCS.

The Plainsmen had 231 yards of rushing offense, led by Sis. He had 175 yards on 17 carries, scoring two touchdowns.

Tim Johnson had 54 yards rushing while Sis was top receiver with one catch for 45 yards. Johnson had 11 yards receiving as did Chase Miyamoto.

PCS quarterback Christian White was 4 of 9 passing for 67 yards and one interception.

On defense Johnson had eight solo and five assisted tackles while Miyamoto had six solo and seven assisted stops. Sis had six solo tackles with one interception. Trevor Walker had five solo and eight assisted tackles against the Tigers.

The Plainsmen end the regular season on Friday against Bridgeport at home. There is a 7 p.m. kickoff.

“I hope we continue to improve and get better. That is what we shoot for every week,” Wells said of the game this week.