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The Lady Plainsmen pressed Creek Valley's ball handlers, lobbed long outlet passes and feasted under the basket in beating the Lady Storm like a tribal drum, 60-32 Tuesday night (Feb. 9) in Chappell.

Almost ending the game just as it began, four Perkins County starters scored five points or more in the first quarter. Their press produced a 13-0 shutout and a 24-2 first quarter lead.

Mackenzie Hite stuck a three pointer after defender Krysta Applegate left her room, and the rout began on the first possession. Jessi Day repeated the "three" feat for an 11-0 lead, and Lady Plainsmen Day, Hite and Jenni Sis exchanged interceptions for assists to exit the opening 8:00 with a 26-7 lead.

Tanya Metcalf cleaned up under the backboard, putting back a shot and angling one hard off the glass. Metcalf chased down a long dump-out pass and ran it through the net in scoring six points in the first quarter and eight overall for the Lady Plainsmen

Trinity Abrams skied a three pointer from near the front row, and Emily Johnson also connected from several feet beyond the arc for Creek Valley's only miniature run of the game. The two bonus shots only closed the gap to 36-17 with 1:54 left in the half.

Kristin Beck made sure the Lady Storm stayed far behind Perkins County, spotting up and hitting three shots for six points in the second quarter. Beck missed recording three points for all three shots by just inches on each shot, launching all three from either on or just inside the arc.

With the growing point cushion, Perkins County's reserve corps thrived. Leslie Burge found a home for a stray rebound and bounced one down off the side of the rim in the second quarter.

Shania Metcalf packed down a turnaround shot and an offensive rebound to run the Lady Plainsmen lead to 40-19 at halftime. Debbie Dahlkoetter also put away a rebound.

Kristine Bond led all scorers with 10 points for Creek Valley. Bond cashed in on a three point play and swished a three pointer along with hitting all three foul shots she attempted.

The Lady Plainsmen spread their scoring among 13 players. Day and Sis each came away with nine points; Metcalf took eight and Hite and Beck tied with Sis.

Underclassmen took advantage of game experience in the Plainsmen runaway, with Elisa Carlson bouncing one down, Michi Prante succeeding from 16 feet away, Tori Osler laying in a shot with her left hand, and Jessi Hoffert reaching from about 17 feet away from the rim.

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