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Guard Karissa Segelke earned two three-point plays to ignite a fourth-quarter comeback from nine points down and helped her Lady Raiders defeat Perkins County 58-51 Friday night in Sidney.

Jessica Glanz and Marjorie Keeton then tag-teamed the Lady Plainsmen with a three-point shot and four free throws to complete the comeback.



The Perkins County girls started the fourth quarter on the top of the see-saw by the slimmest margin, and Shalee Pollard's steal, assist and two free throws helped them enjoy the view better at 39-34. Jessi Day put away Pollard's pass and two free throws of her own to stretch their lead to 43-34.

But four turnovers in the final five minutes aborted important opportunities for visiting Perkins County, which eventually ended up down and off of the scoring see-saw.

Tanya Metcalf found the bank open late for a Perkins County deposit, and Day put down two

more free throws to offset Segelke's three-point plays, but Glanz nailed up her five points in a hurry and Keeton continued to go to the basket to drop Perkins County to the bottom and put Sidney on top.

Pollard hit two more fourth quarter free throws to move the Lady Plainsmen to within four points at 53-49, but her team approached no closer.

"I thought the girls played well for four quarters of ball tonight; for the season, I thought this was our best effort against a talented Sidney team," Head Coach Chris Mestl said after the game. "Defensively, I thought we did a good job in the first half, but in the second half there were some issues we will need to address."

Indeed, the Lady Plainsmen held game-high scorer Segelke to just a free throw in the first half; the 15 more she dumped in during quarters three and four made a difference.

Jessi Day scored 12 for the Lady Plainsmen, and Tanya Metcalf 11 points. Michi Prante reached for her first three-pointer of the season in the second quarter and ended with nine points.

But Sidney got balance in their scoring from Segelke, 14 from Keeton and 13 from Glanz.

Perkins County also had a six-point lead in the third quarter, but four turnovers in that frame also.

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### Next Action

The 2-4 Lady Plainsmen hoped to avenge last year's loss to the 1-4 Ogallala Lady Indians on Tuesday night, with results not available at press time.

Perkins County hosts its annual Holiday Tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 28 and Wednesday, Dec. 29.