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Dundy County-Stratton forward Tyler Freeland sandwiched two three pointers around the third quarter buzzer to extend his Eagles past the Plainsmen 49-41 in Grant Saturday night.



Freeland's fourth quarter shot rattled between the sides of the rim before going down. Going for the win, the 6-foot-3 senior swingman missed on another attempt minutes later.

Perkins County came close to catching the Eagles twice in the second half, but never quite got there. Quinton Hite took a kick-out pass from fellow guard Jake Sexson and buried a three-pointer to shrink the Dundy County lead to one at 33-32 in the fourth quarter, but Freeland promptly countered.

Jordan Faimon returned from a third quarter head injury that left him prone on the court for several minutes to pull Dundy County away with an interception, three-quarter-court drive and a spin move to roll the score to 41-32, Eagles.

Faimon would hit the deck again later but recovered to hit two free throws toward ensuring the win.

Big 6-foot-5 sophomore center Joe Rettele added a three-point play, getting fouled because he faked moving right and then came up toward the left of the basket for a lay-in.

Hite had reached from the right side of the arc to pull his Plainsmen to within four at 29-25. The sophomore guard also scored an amazing basket from just outside the arc—the arc on the Perkins County side of center (roughly 55 feet away) at the final buzzer.

Hite added a first quarter bucket to three three-pointers and led the Plainsmen with 11 points.

Rettele fed the hoop three first quarter shots, scoring in every quarter to lead the game with 14 points. Freeland shot three-for-four from the line along with his two bombs in collecting nine points.

Perkins County center Tyler Brott crammed in two close-range shots and stuck a “j” from eight away for six second-half points. Brott also kept close watch on Rettele, denying entry passes and creating Eagles turnovers for his team.

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The 1-5 Plainsmen tried to avenge last year's heartbreaking road loss to the 2-3 Ogallala Indians on Tuesday in Grant, with results not available at press time.

They also look forward to hosting their annual Holiday Tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 28 and Wednesday, Dec. 29.

