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The Perkins County Plainsmen boys basketball squad fought hard after falling behind at the end of one quarter and came back to take a commanding lead during the second half of their contest with Sedgwick County—only to let the lead slip away and come up on the short end of the score 51-48.

Sedgwick County got off to a good start in the first quarter as their point guard ripped the Plainsmen defense for 12 of his teams 19 points.

The Plainsmen answered with seven points from Michael York, four from Austin Gaston and a free throw from Jeremy Hagan to stay close after one.



Ornelas of Sedgwick County had two three-point scores from behind the 19-9 line and one old-fashioned three-pointer as he got fouled on a made shot and then made the free throw.

Ornelas also had great effort as he was awarded a free throw on another Sedgwick County possession and missed it—but went down the middle of the lane to rebound his own shot and put up an easy lay up for a reverse three point possession.

In the second quarter, the Plainsmen dominated in all phases of the game. They got started with a Michael York field goal on their first possession of the quarter and then put an outstanding defensive effort together coupled with a 13-0 run to close out the half and the Plainsmen headed to the locker with a 28-22 lead.

In the third stanza, the Plainsmen continued to increase their lead and at one time took an 11 point lead 36-25.

But things started to turn Sedgwick County's way towards the end of the quarter and it ended with the Plainsmen in the lead by only two, 38-36.

The fourth quarter continued close and the Plainsmen eventually gave up the lead late on a two-pointer by Sedgwick County to make it 49-48.

The Colorado team then hit the shots that had to be made and moved the final score to 51-48.

Stortenbecker of Sedgwick County did the most damage in the fourth quarter as he banged in 12 of his 17 total points in the final eight minutes. He hit on three two-pointers, one three-pointer

and went three of six from the free throw stripe. The Plainsmen's cause was hurt by some missed lay ups, and some untimely turnovers.

Perkins County was led in scoring by Michael York who hit for 17 points, had 13 rebounds and three assists. Sophomore Quinton Hite chipped in with 13 points and two assists.

For the contest, the Plainsmen shot 20 of 62 from two-point territory, five of 14 from three-point and three of five from the line. They out-rebounded their opponents 33-23 and forced 15 turnovers.

Sedgwick County hit on 19 of 40 from two, four of 10 from three, and went to the line 17 times and hit nine free throws.

Next Action

Perkins County will host Cambridge on Friday and travel to Cozad on Saturday for this week's contests.

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