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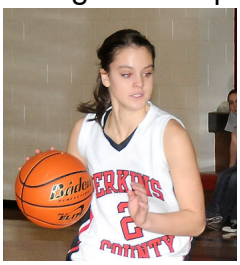
Quick Gothenburg guard Brittyn Munster pressed on defense and terrorized the Lady Plainsmen for 12 fourth quarter points to rally the Lady Swedes past Perkins County 46-37 Saturday night.

Munster altered an otherwise even game into a blowout, getting to the glass for free throws and a layup and then shoveling in a steal to give her visiting Lady Swedes a 38-30 lead with 3:07 left.

Munster ensured the win by cranking in six consecutive free throws in the fourth quarter and driving out of a press for points on her way to a game-high 17 points.



"We actually led with a few minutes to go in the game, but then we turned the ball over three consecutive trips down the floor," Lady Plainsmen Head Coach Deanne Bishop said after the game. "Gothenburg did a good job of capitalizing on those mistakes and turned them into points on their end of the floor. After that we were able to answer bucket-for-bucket, but were never able to close the gap."

Before Munster asserted herself, teammate Regan Geiken had locked into a scoring war with Perkins County's Jessi Hoffert and Michi Prante.

The team's co-captains, Jessi Hoffert dropped an astounding nine of 11 free throws and tossed in a "three;" Prante continued her mastery of the floating or raining jump shot with six points in the second period and four more in the fourth quarter.

Prante's quick free throws and jumper gave her Lady Plainsmen a 10-7 lead, and Jessi Hoffert's three pointer sent Gothenburg into timeout and Perkins County ahead 25-20 in the third quarter.

"Michi Prante did a good job of picking up some 'junk' on the baseline and made a few nice shots when we needed a bucket," Coach Bishop said.

The senior center Geiken made her presence felt on both ends of the floor, glancing the glass for short-range shots early in the game and leaping to block shots later. The only player to score in every quarter, Geiken put 16 points on the board.

Freshman reserve guard Brandie Ross scored her first varsity points, hitting from just inside the arc. Reserve forward Carlie Waitley rolled a three pointer down to give Perkins County a 28-25 lead in the third quarter.

Next Action

The 1-3 Lady Plainsmen must now face the Lady Red Raiders on Friday in Sidney. With a trio of double-digit wins, the 3-1 Sidney girls have only lost to 6-0 Chadron. Perkins County returns home Saturday for battle with Dundy County-Stratton. The 3-2 Lady Eagles have trounced some weaker sisters and lost close contests to 3-0 Kimball and 5-0 Arapahoe.

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Gothenburg	5	13	9	19—46
Perkins Co.	6	10	12	9—37

Leading scorers—Perkins County: Prante 5FG 2/2FT—12; Hoffert, J. (1x3) 9/11—12; Gothenburg: Munster 4 (1) 6/6—17; Geiken 5 6/9—16; Franzen 2 1/1—5; Meisinger 1 3/4—5.