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The Lady Sailors blew Perkins County out of the water with a 19-0 run that spanned parts of two quarters and cruised to a 56-24 win Saturday afternoon in Sutherland.

After sophomore guard Kaley Stokey scored the game's first four points on an offensive rebound and a long jumper, senior center Sam Kennedy downed two stolen balls to propel Sutherland to an 8-1 lead.

Lady Plainsmen guard Jessi Hoffert's three pointer and free throw helped her team gain their sea legs at 8-7, but then the Lady Sailors threw their guests overboard.

Stokey stayed hot with a long and short jumper and ran out a steal for a score while junior swing forward Sam Staggs anchored Sutherland's opponent with jumpers from near and far to sink Perkins County under a 27-7 score midway through the second quarter.

"Sutherland is a high-quality team with multiple weapons. I was impressed with their balanced scoring attack and ability to get both inside and outside points," Lady Plainsmen Head Coach Deanne Bishop said.

At least nine missed shots and three turnovers helped the 9-2 Lady Sailors help themselves to four putbacks and a breakaway layup during the run.

Staggs led all scorers with 12 points.

Rubbing salt in the wound, reserve senior forward Tawnie McConnell splashed in a pair of three pointers and forward Jalyne Schuster surfaced for eight points after the teams needed binoculars to see one another.

Hoffert (seven points) hit another three pointer and joined Shania Metcalf as the only Lady Plainsmen who scored a handful of points. Metcalf reached on two jumpers from alongside the foul line.

“At halftime we talked about needing to play faster, even faster than what we are comfortable with,” Coach Bishop said. “We wanted to hustle more and do a better job of limiting Sutherland’s offensive rebounds. We worked to improve these specific areas the rest of the game. I was proud of the continued hustle the girls gave in the second half. We rotated deep into our bench. Whoever was on the floor at the time was working their hardest to get better.”

### **Next Action**

Saturday’s loss snapped a four game winning streak and dropped the Lady Plainsmen’s record to 5-6. They travel to tip off against 3-9 Chase County in Imperial on Thursday. The Lady Longhorns have lost to common opponents Ogallala, Sutherland (by 25 points) and Dundy County-Stratton (by 20 points). The 7-3 Wauneta-Palisade Lady Broncos visit Grant on Friday night. Wauneta also lost to Dundy County but beat Wallace by 23 points.

### **PC 24, Sutherland 56**

Perkins Co.     7   3   6   8–24

Sutherland     21   8   9   18–56

Scoring leaders—Perkins County: Hoffert, J. (2[x3]) 1/2FT–7; Metcalf 2FG 1/2–5; Sutherland: Staggs 6–12; Stokey 5–10; Schuster 4–8; Kennedy 3 1/2–7; Hopping 2 (1)–7; McConnell (2)–6.