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Shania Metcalf's swish at the foul line, Michi Prante's steal and breakaway and Jessi Hoffert's three point shot in the fourth quarter captured fifth place for the Lady Plainsmen in the South Platte Valley Association tournament Saturday at North Platte Community College with a 52-17 rout of Maxwell.

A balanced Perkins County scoring attack piled up nine points apiece for Metcalf and Prante, eight for Brandie Ross and seven points for Jessi Hoffert.

"Our offense was definitely clicking in this game," Lady Plainsmen Head Coach Deanne Bishop said after the game. "The girls did a better job of looking to score instead of expecting someone else to do it; we had six girls score six or more points in the game, and eight girls score in this match."

A heartbreaking 37-36 overtime loss to Chase County shortened the Perkins County girls' week by sending them directly to Saturday's fifth-place game.

Ross, Matisyn Humphrey and Courtney Ostermiller all hit mid-range jump shots in the third quarter to balloon their Lady Plainsmen's lead to 33-8.

Only guard Anna Crane really responded to Perkins County's third quarter point barrage, reaching from just inside the arc and driving for a Maxwell free throw.

The Lady Plainsmen's "one and done" defensive rebounding performance ground Maxwell to single-digit points in each quarter.

Metcalf snuffed four shots and cleaned off four rebounds; Ross clamped onto eight rebounds and stole the ball twice.

The Hershey Lady Panthers defeated the North Platte-St. Pat's Lady Irish 44-30 to win the tournament, with Sutherland taking third place after a 49-21 victory over Chase County.

Next Action

The 8-7 Lady Plainsmen remain home for games against Sedgwick County on Thursday night and a rematch against 3-11 Maxwell on Friday.

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Scoring leaders--Perkins County: Metcalf 4FG 1/2FT-9; Prante 2 (1[x3]) 2/2-9; Ross 4-8; Hoffert, J. (2) 1/2-7; Ostermiller 3 0/2-6; Humphrey 2 2/2-6; Maxwell: Crane 2 2/4-6.