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Senior power forward Alex Johnston turned touches into points and his 10-point, third quarter barrage led the Plainsmen to an 80-65 win over the Sedgwick Cougars last Thursday night in Grant.

Johnston took body contact and turned it into four made free throws and slid down the left baseline for a right-hand layup to blast Perkins County to a 47-36 lead just after halftime. Johnston led all players in the game with 20 points.

Plainsmen center Blake Poppe finished a nice pass from Caleb Breazeale and even rolled down a jumper in the fourth quarter to finish an impressive night with 14 points.

Tim Johnson scooped an errant pass for a breakaway layup and hooked in a shot from mid-lane for six points in the third quarter and a 59-38 Plainsmen lead in the third quarter.

Tyler Woodhams and Kolby Stordenbecker stroked three pointers in the third for most of what kept their Cougars competitive in a 22-10 Perkins County onslaught in the third quarter. The fluid Stordenbecker and sharpshooter Woodhams both finished with 16 points.

The Cougars scratched back into contention before halftime, cutting four points off of Perkins County's lead with triples from Stordenbecker and Chase Dunker. Stordenbecker also swished a four-foot shot after spinning in mid-air with his back to the basket.

Swing forward Jake Sexson drove hard, drew calls and pumped in four of six consecutive free throws in the second quarter to keep Perkins County's halftime lead at five points.

Elliot Carlson stole two passes in the first quarter and motored both to the basket, completing an "and one" on the second to give the Plainsmen a 21-10 first quarter lead. Carlson also swished from beyond the arc in the first period and piled up 12 points.

Blake Poppe made the Cougars pay in the post immediately, muscling up three shots in a row

and for the Plainsmen's first six points, spurring Sedgwick County into timeout to strategize to stop Poppe's success.

Accurate shooting allowed Sedgwick County to remain competitive in the first quarter, with Chase Dunker and Tyler Woodhams counting "threes," Woodhams pulled the Cougars out of a double-digit deficit with a three-pointer to end the first quarter.

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Sedgwick Co. 22 14 10 19—65

Perkins Co. 31 10 22 17—80

Scoring leaders—Perkins County: Johnston 7FG 6/8FT—20; Poppe 6 2/4—14; Carlson 3 (1[x3]) 3/5—12; Sexson 1 6/6—8; Johnson 4 0/2—8; Hite 2 (1)—7; Sedgwick County: Stordenbecker, K. 5 (2) 0/2—16; Woodhams 4 (2) 2/2—16; Dunker, Chase 3 (2) 2/2—14.