

**By Pastor Vince Carrig**

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Michi Prante took all the easy baskets the Lady Trojans would give her and Jessi Hoffert forced dribbles through the heart of Cambridge's defense in the Lady Plainsmen's 52-38 win Friday night in Grant.

Prante crept in the back door and also snagged a rebound at the basket, scoring six in the third quarter and 15 for the night. Jessi Hoffert's fourth quarter drive and free throw gave her 15 as well; the two guards co-led the game in scoring.

Senior teammates Prante and Hoffert scored the first three points of the fourth quarter and put the game out of reach for Cambridge at 42-30.



Jessi Hoffert took over the third quarter with three hard drives to the basket, two of which turned steals into points. Her sixth point of the quarter came after twisting in an off-handed layup while guarded.

Prante finished a wide-open offensive rebound and made senior center Shania Metcalf's score easy with a baseline bounce pass in the third quarter. Metcalf posted a "double-double" with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"Jessi Hoffert did a nice job driving to the basket. Michi [Prante] had a number of great assists. She kept her eyes up and attacked the lane," Lady Plainsmen Head Coach Deanne Bishop said after the game.

Three pointers from Lady Trojans guard Mikayla Kent and forward Taylor Cross accounted for almost half of Cambridge's third quarter points and kept Perkins County's lead out of double digits.

Prante rallied Perkins County by perfecting a three-point play, reaching on a guarded jumper and swishing two more free throws for a 21-17 second quarter Lady Plainsmen lead.

Hoffert and Prante hit 6-of-7 free throws in the second quarter to negate Cambridge guard Kent's steal and score as the home team left for halftime on a 14-3 run.

The Lady Plainsmen recovered from a 10-0 Cambridge shelling with a three pointer and drive off a floater from Jessi Hoffert. Taylor Cross and Sheldon Cross both stung Perkins County with one "three" and one from the floor each to afford the Lady Trojans with a 10-point lead right after tipoff.

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Scoring leaders—Perkins County: Hoffert, J. 4FG (1[x3]) 4/6FT—15; Prante 6FG 3/3FT—15; Metcalf 5—10; McClenahan 4—8; Cambridge: Cross, T. 3 (2) 1/2—13; Long 3 2/4—8; Kent 2 (1)—7;

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