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Statistic-wise, Perkins County was even with Hershey in many aspects of their contest on Sept. 20 in Grant. However, one statistic allowed Hershey to gain the 49-8 victory.

The statistic in particular was the turnover stat, which Perkins County unfortunately led.

PCS had five turnovers, two interceptions and three fumbles.

Overall, PCS led in passing yards. Christian White was 6 of 14 for 70 yards and two interceptions and his counter-part Logan Weir of Hershey was 3 of 3 for 41 yards and one TD. Chase Miyamoto led all receivers with 66 yards on five receptions for the Plainsmen.

The Plainsment had more first downs (14 to 8), more first downs rushing (9 to 5), more first downs passing (3 to 2) and had a higher third-down conversion rate (4 of 11 for 36.4 percent to 2 of 6 for 33.3 percent). PCS had the ball for 22:022 in time of possession and Hershey had 14:10.

The game started out with a special team play made by Hershey as Landan Massen blocked a Plainsmen punt for a score. The Panthers would score again with 4:47 left in the first quarter when Josh Margritz scored from seven yards out. Hershey tacked on a 22-yard TD pass and a 21-yard rushing TD to take a 28-0 lead into the second quarter.

A 'pick-six' (interception run back for a TD) early in the second quarter by the Hershey defense put PCS down 35-0 and with 4:38 left in the half Chayton Crow ran in a TD from 34 yards out.

Hershey would punch in another TD in the third quarter to put the Panthers up 49-0.

In the fourth quarter the Plainsmen started a drive that culminated with a four-yard scamper into the end zone from Timothy Johnson to put PCS on the board. A two-point conversion run from Derek Sis gave Hershey a 49-8 advantage.

For Plainsmen head coach Carlie Wells, there are some things to still work on for his squad, but there were many positives to come out of the contest.

"We did not tackle well and had several miscues blocking and turnovers. We have a young line with not much experience. We are getting better—not everyone can see it but as coaches we can see it in practice," Wells said. "We did reduce our number of penalties and did have some

positive plays blocking up front.”

Wells and his assistant coaches tried something new this week on defense and will continue to tweak the offense and defense as the season continues.

“We tried to make some adjustment defensively this week by slanting our d-line. However, we still were not able to control the line of scrimmage. It is difficult to stop teams when we cannot control the line of scrimmage. We need to tackle better,” Wells said.

There are still some things for the young PCS team to figure out.

“Hershey is a good team— they have some experienced players. Our biggest problem is a new system on offense and defense. New blocking style (past was zone blocking) and lack of experience,” Wells said.

Leading rusher for PCS was freshman Derek Sis with 70 yards on 14 carries.

Kaleb Vak had 38 yards and Timothy Johnson had 33 yards on the ground.

Johnson led the defense for the Plainsmen with three solo and five assisted tackles while Vak had three solo and two assisted stops.

Trevor Walker had two solo and three assisted tackles against the Panthers.

This week PCS is on the road to Cambridge on Friday for a 6 p.m. kickoff.



