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Heading on the road, the Perkins County boys basketball team came close to defeating Wauneta-Palisade Jan. 17.

The Plainsmen lost a close contest, 46-43.

The Broncos led 12-9 after one period and held a 24-20 halftime lead.

After the half, PCS turned the tables on Wau-Pa by outscoring the Broncos 12-9. The Broncos held a 33-32 lead going into the fourth quarter.

A 13-11 in the fourth quarter made the difference in this tightly-contested game.

PCS led in several key statistical categories, including shot percentage. The Plainsmen went 15 of 43 for 34 percent while Wau-Pa was 14-44 for 31 percent.

The Plainsmen held a 37-24 rebounding advantage, including a 13-6 offensive board edge over the Broncos.

Against Wau-Pa, PCS had 11 assists while the Broncos had four and had a 4-1 block advantage.

PCS led 24-17 in turnovers, however, leading to the teams woes.

Plainsmen senior Tim Johnson led the team with 15 points. He also had nine rebounds, two assists and three steals. Derek Sis had eight points and four rebounds while Zak Kurkowski notched seven points and had team highs in rebounds (10) and blocked shots (2) with one assist.

Matt Sestak pitched in six points, one block, two steals, one assist and eight rebounds, including a team high four offensive boards.

Chase Miyamoto picked up five points, one steal, two assists and three steals in the game.

Christian White led the team in assists with four and had one block, three boards and two points.

PCS head basketball coach Shawn Cole was pleased with how his team has been rebounding lately.

"We need to be able to hold teams to one shot and done. I was very happy with the way we

rebounded in both games,” Cole said.

The leadership of his seniors this year has also impressed Cole.

“We have good senior leadership. It may not be vocal leadership but it is always positive and the younger players are always trying hard to follow the seniors,” Cole said.

PCS vs. Chase County

Before the thrilling game at Wauneta-Palisade, the Plainsmen hosted Chase County on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Backcourt pressure by the Longhorns made for a long night as the Plainsmen lost 27-54.

“We just didn’t play basketball. They are a good team and they can put a lot of pressure on our guards,” Cole said. “We needed them to step up and they didn’t. The second half they did respond a little and played a lot better.”

PCS was down 22-5 after one period and 32-6 at the half.

Each team scored 22 points in the second half with PCS holding an 11-2 advantage over the Longhorns in the fourth quarter.

PCS had 35 turnovers (Chase County had 21) with the Longhorns coming up with a 17-9 steals ratio against the Plainsmen.

Johnson led the team in scoring with 13 points and had seven rebounds and one steal.

Sis had five points, one steal, one assist and two rebounds while Kurkowski had a team high seven rebounds, one steal, one block and two points. Miyamoto had five rebounds, three steals (team high) and two points.

The team played in the first round of the SPVA tournament as the number five seed against the number four seed Sutherland Tuesday night. Results will be in next week’s edition.