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Some bad timing cost the Perkins County High School girls basketball team fifth place at the SPVA tournament over the weekend.

In the fifth place match against Maxwell, PCS had a 10 point lead with 5:00 left in the game. However, 6'1" center for the Wildcats, Josie Cox, used defense and a cold shooting spell by the Lady Plainsmen into offense for her team and the Wildcats won 54-51.

The game marked the highest point total of the season for the Lady Plainsmen.

PCS led 12-9 after one period and outscored the Wildcats 15-11 in the second quarter to hold a 27-20 lead at the half.

Maxwell stormed back with a 15-14 scoring mark in the third quarter and the scoreboard showed PCS ahead 41-35 to start the fourth quarter.

PCS head girls basketball coach Deanne Bishop gave kudos to the Wildcats for figuring out how to come up with a win.

"Give a lot of credit to Maxwell in the fourth quarter; they found what worked for them (offensively) and kept hammering after it," Bishop said as the Lady Plainsmen face the Wildcats in Maxwell this Friday. "We'll look forward to this week's upcoming rematch."

PCS had a rally in the final seconds of the game but there just wasn't enough time on the clock to pull out the win.

Both teams were nearly even statistically. PCS shot 20 of 67 from the floor (29 percent) while Maxwell was 23 of 68 (33 percent). Both teams went 8 of 13 from the line and PCS led in rebounds 48 to 39.

Mariah Curtis lit up the scoreboard for 17 points, three steals, one assist with eight rebounds while Kendra Hoffert picked up 10 points, one steal, one assist and six boards.

Courtne McClenahan had eight points, one steal, two assists and a team high 15 rebounds, including six offensive boards.

Amanda Osler had eight points, one block, one steal, and six rebounds with Courtney Lyon

notching four points, one block, one steal, one assist with seven rebounds.

The game was a breakthrough for the PCS squad, especially the backcourt, according to Bishop.

“We had some great outlet looks down the floor for transition points,” Bishop said.

PCS vs. Kimball

To start the SPVA tournament, PCS faced Kimball and had to deal with speed, speed and more speed from the Longhorns.

“We had a tough time getting quality looks. Kimball’s speed caused us some problems,” Bishop said. “Kimball did a good job distributing the ball and had good offensive balance.”

PCS lost 52-31.

Kimball established the lead early, going up 20-7 after one period. Undaunted, the Lady Plainsmen surged on offense to cut into the Longhorn lead. PCS outscored Maxwell 11-7 in the second quarter and was down 27-18 at the half.

Kimball used their speed to run the score up to 46-25 after three periods to cruise to the victory.

PCS shot 29 percent from the floor, however, Kimball shot 50 percent. The Lady Plainsmen had a distinct offensive rebounding advantage, 12 to 7 over Kimball and had 11 steals to 10 for the Longhorns.

Curtis led PCS in points with 10 points and assists with five. She also had two steals and one rebound.

Hoffert had seven points, one steal, one assist and two boards while McClenahan picked up six points, two steals, one assist and a team high eight rebounds. Amanda Osler had seven rebounds, one assist, a team high four steals and four points.

The Lady Plainsmen face Segdwick County Jan. 30 on the road and then head to Maxwell Jan. 31 for an SPVA rematch.

On Feb. 4 the Lady Plainsmen return home to host Sidney before heading back on the road Feb. 7 to Cambridge.

The final home game of the season will be Feb. 8 against Cozad.



