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A fourth matchup between Chase County and Perkins County again went the way of the Lady Plainsmen Tuesday night.

But this time, the Lady Longhorns' loss to Perkins County was a season-ender, coming in the semi-finals of the C2-11 subdistricts in McCook.

Despite several offensive runs by Chase County in the first half, they never were able to take a lead in the contest, eventually losing 51-43.

Tuesday's win advanced top-seeded Perkins County to the subdistrict finals tonight (Thursday) against either No. 2 seed North Platte St. Pat's or No. 3 Dundy County/Stratton.

The winner of Thursday's game faces the winner of the C2-12 subdistrict in the district finals Feb. 26 for a trip to state.

Perkins County took a 5-0 lead in the first quarter Tuesday night, but Chase County pulled within two, 5-7, as the quarter ended. At the half, Perkins County extended their lead to eight points and then to 11 after three.

The Lady Longhorns pulled within eight points with a minute left in the game after Palmer hit her second trey of the game. The two teams traded points the final minute but the Lady Plainsmen held onto their eight-point win.

Chase County had a pretty good night of balanced scoring Tuesday, with all six of the regulars putting up points.

Karlee Palmer led the team with 12 points, half of them coming on a pair of treys.

Also scoring were Shannon Liewer 9, Lexee Reichert 9, Alexis Tropf 6, Jilanne German 5 and Chantal Heathers 2.

### **Lady Longhorns beat Sutherland**

In the play-in C2-11 subdistrict game Monday night, Chase County eliminated Sutherland with a 44-35 win.

The Lady Longhorns had just a one-point lead, 13-12, at the end of the first quarter, but stretched that to a 25-18 advantage at halftime.

Sutherland managed to pull within two points, 35-37, with 3:20 left in the contest, but that would be the end of their scoring for the night as Chase County finished with seven unanswered points in the final three minutes to win by nine.

Palmer again led the team's scoring with 16 points, but all other Lady Longhorns on the floor also scored.

Reichert and Liewer each scored seven, while Heathers had five, German four, Tropf, three and Bethany Sorensen, two.

Chase County's season ended with a 7-13 record, one win better than 2008-09.

A complete report on the Lady Longhorns' final two games will be in next week's issue.