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The Lady Longhorns came up short in a trio of basketball games last week over a four-day period.

Coach Nancy Sorensen said it was a tough week of games against good teams from Southern Valley, Perkins County and Gothenburg.

The losses dropped the Lady Longhorn record to 3-12 as they entered this week's SPVA conference tournament.

Chase County had its chance to get a win last Thursday, their only game on the home hardwoods, against Perkins County.

Sorensen said it was the best game her team has played offensively and defensively all season, especially the first half, after which they led 24-17.

"We shot well the first half, but it didn't carry over into the second," she said.

Chase County scored just six points in the final two quarters, as Perkins County responded with 17.

Sorensen said it's hard for a team to win when they score just six points in a half.

Free throws proved especially crucial in the game.

The Lady Longhorns hit just two of eight from the line in the final quarter, while the Lady Plainsmen hit two crucial free throws at the end of the game to seal the 34-30 win.

Overall on free throws, Chase County finished with a 5-14 showing (36 percent). Perkins County was 8-12 (67 percent).

From two-point range, Chase County was 11-40 for 28 percent, while Perkins County hit 13-36 (36 percent). Chase County's Makala Bartels hit the game's only trey.

Bethany Sorensen led Chase County's scoring with nine. Paige Spady added six.

In other stats, Sorensen had four steals and three assists, while Kaycee Bubak led the CCS

rebounders with three.

As a team, Chase County had 28 rebounds to Perkins County's 33. In turnovers, the Lady Plainsmen racked up 25 as Chase County committed 21.

Coach Sorensen was hopeful her team's efforts against Perkins County would carry over to the SPVA tournament this week, where they met the Lady Plainsmen, now 7-6, in the first round game Tuesday night.

Imperial 30

	2 PT. FG	3 PT. FG	FT/ FTA	F	TP
Morgan Fisher	1	0	0-0	3	2
Cheyanne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0
Kristen Jussel	1	0	1-2	1	3
Makala Bartels	0	1	0-0	0	3
Bethany Sorensen	4	0	1-2	0	9
Paige Spady	3	0	0-0	2	6
Kelsey Wood	0	0	0-0	0	0
Bridget Langin	1	0	1-4	2	3
MaKenna Ketter	0	0	0-0	1	0
Kaycee Bubak	1	0	2-6	4	4
Valeria Cervantes	0	0	0-0	3	0
Jodi Koellner	0	0	0-0	0	0
Anna Bauerle	0	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	11	1	5-14	16	30

Perkins County 34

J. Hoffert 6, M. Prante 4, B. Ross 8, M. Humphrey 8, C. Ostermiller 2, S. Metcalf 6.

Perkins County's totals: 2 pt. FG—13; 3 pt. FG—0; FT/FTA—8-12; Fouls—10; TP—34.

Points by quarters:

Imperial	14	10	4	2—30
Perkins County	7	10	11	6—34

Southern Valley

Chase County faced a very fast team that pushed the ball and pressed at Southern Valley Jan. 8.

Due to an effective press, the game was tough from the start as Chase County was held scoreless the first quarter and put up just four points before the half, eventually losing the game, 61-20.

Southern Valley was also hot on three-point shooting, with five different players hitting a trey. They finished with nine out of 23 attempts, while Chase County was 0-9.

Bubak led Chase County's scoring with six, as the team hit 8-44 from the field (18 percent). SV

was 12-33 for 36 percent.

One positive was the free throw shooting, although Chase County didn't get to the line much. They hit 4-6 (67 percent), as SV dropped in 10-21 (48 percent).

Bubak had nine rebounds and Morgan Fisher grabbed six and had three steals. Spady contributed four assists.

Teamwise, the Lady Longhorns had 28 turnovers to SV's 18, and were outrebounded 39 to 38.

Imperial 20

	2 PT. FG	3 PT. FG	FT/FTA	F	TP
Morgan Fisher	0	0	0-0	3	0
Kristen Jussel	1	0	2-2	0	4
Makala Bartels	0	0	0-1	2	0
Bethany Sorensen	2	0	0-0	1	4
Kaycee Bubak	2	0	2-3	4	6
Paige Spady	1	0	0-0	1	2
Bridget Langin	0	0	0-0	1	0
Kelsey Wood	1	0	0-0	1	2
Valeria Cervantes	1	0	0-0	0	2
Anna Bauerle	0	0	0-0	0	0
Jodi Koellner	0	0	0-0	0	0
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	8	0	4-6	13	20

Southern Valley 61

E. Becker 2, J. Murdoch 8, K. Bose 3, S. Brooks 3, M. Hoxmeier 11, A. Carlson 3, K. Sadd 5, M. Nielsen 12, A. Norman 10, L. Becker 4.

Southern Valley's totals: 2 pt. FG—12; 3 pt. FG—9; FT/FTA—10-21; Fouls—12; TP—61.

Points by quarters:

Imperial	0	4	8	8—20
Southern Valley	13	25	10	13—61

Gothenburg

Another full court pressing team caused Chase County problems Friday, as they suffered a 49-16 loss to Gothenburg on the road.

The Lady Longhorns didn't score the first quarter, and had just two points on a layup from Kristen Jussel before heading to the lockerroom at halftime.

"It was a tough game for us," Coach Sorensen said.

She said her team had trouble with Gothenburg's press, which contributed to Chase County's 35 turnovers, and a 4-13 showing on two-point shooting (31 percent).

Gothenburg hit 16-33 from the field (48 percent). Both teams were 1-6 on treys.

While Chase County hit most of their free throws again (5-7), they didn't get to the line near as much as Gothenburg, who dropped in 14-23 (61 percent).

Jodi Koellner led the team in scoring with four points, all in the fourth quarter.

Bridget Langin and Makala Bartels each had four rebounds, while Koellner had two steals.

Starter Bethany Sorensen did not see action in the game due to illness.

Imperial 16

	2 PT. FG	3 PT. FG	FT/FTA

	FG	FG	FTA	F	TP
Morgan Fisher	0	0	0-0	4	0
Cheyanne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0
Kristen Jussel	1	0	0-0	2	2
Makala Bartels	0	0	0-0	4	0
Kaycee Bubak	0	0	3-4	3	3
Paige Spady	1	0	0-0	1	2
Bridget Langin	0	1	0-0	1	3
MaKenna Ketter	0	0	0-0	1	0
Kelsey Wood	1	0	0-0	1	2
Valeria Cervantes	0	0	0-0	3	0
Anna Bauerle	0	0	0-0	1	0
Jodi Koellner	1	0	2-3	2	4
TOTALS	4	1	5-7	23	16

Gothenburg 49

B. Munster 10, A. Meisinger 4, T. Mroczek 5, A. Kowalenski 2, R. Geiken 14, J. Wiggins 10, E. Franzen 4.

Gothenburg's totals: 2 pt. FG—16; 3 pt. FG—1; FT/FTA—14-23; Fouls—12; TP—49.

Points by quarters:

Imperial	0	2	6	8—16
Gothenburg	15	15	6	13—49