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town Saturday. Looking to pick up its first win in four games, Wauneta-Palisade went down to the wire to pick up the victory, 48-47.

Brooklyn Nordhausen started off scoring in the contest with two free throws when she was fouled after an offensive rebound on the Lady Broncos' first possession. Southwest went on a nine point run as Wauneta-Palisade was unable to hit a bucket until only three minutes were left in the quarter. Rathe got the Lady Bronco offense rolling again and Fanning added to the total with a steal and layup. Einspahr kept the rally going with a basket to bring the Lady Broncos to within three, 11-8. The Roughriders added a bucket and a free throw, but Christner's basket to end the first quarter kept the Lady Broncos within four, 14-10.

The teams played even for much of the second quarter. After two Einspahr free throws and a basket by Sydnee Harchelroad the game was tied at 14. The teams traded baskets until a free throw by Tailor Lee pulled Wauneta-Palisade ahead 19-18 with less than two minutes in the half. From there the Lady Broncos went on an 8-2 run to finish the half in front 27-20. Fanning notched five points in the scoring burst and Christner added a three point play.

The third quarter was nearly the Lady Broncos' undoing. Southwest opened the half with a 5 point run behind the shooting of Allie McConville. During the stretch Lee picked up her fourth foul. Following a basket by Christner the Roughriders hit four free throws to tie the game at 29. Southwest made 6/8 free throws during its scoring spurt. Southwest pulled ahead briefly, 31-29, but the Lady Broncos used another strong finish to end the quarter. Fanning ran off three points and Rathe grabbed an offensive rebound and scored to keep Wauneta-Palisade ahead by one, 34-33, heading into the final frame.

Lady Bronco fans saw the fourth quarter start with Christner's fourth foul. Southwest couldn't convert the one-and-one opportunity and watched Harchelroad hit a three-pointer at the other end. After the Roughriders hit two free throws Lee pushed the Lady Broncos ahead by five when she grabbed an offensive rebound, hit the bucket and was fouled. Her free throw made it 40-35. Southwest refused to give in and went on a 9-1 run to take the lead, 44-41, with 2:40 left in the game. With fouls mounting, Christner fouled out while Nordhausen, Lee and Skelton each with four, the Lady Broncos stayed within striking distance. Einspahr nailed a three-pointer with 33 seconds left to keep Wauneta-Palisade within one, 47-46. After Southwest missed two free throws Coach Lauhead called a time out with 12.4 seconds left. On the ensuing Lady Bronco possession, Lee scored with 5 seconds left to bring home the win, 48-47.

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Fanning and Christner each scored 11 to lead the way for Wauneta-Palisade. Lee and Einspahr added eight and seven, respectively. Harchelroad tallied five points, Rathe totaled four and Nordhausen scored two to round out Lady Bronco scoring. WP made nine of 18 free throws.

Southwest, 7-3, was led by Abby Daffer's 15 points and McConville's 14. The Roughriders shot 28 free throws and made 17.

Now 5-6, the Lady Broncos will try to reach .500 on the season when it hosts Perkins County Friday night. After starting the season 2-5 the Plainsmen have won its last four. "Perkins County has played a lot of quality teams. It will be a challenge for our team," Lauhead said. Saturday the team heads to Oshkosh to take on 2-7 Garden County.

Junior Varsity

In three quarters of action the Lady Bronco JV team defeated Hitchcock Co. 27-17. Einspahr hit two three pointers in the opening period on her way to 14 points in the contest. Harchelroad also made a three pointer and scored nine points. Rathe added four points.

The squad picked up its second win of the week, 33-32, over Southwest. All six players scored in the contest. Einspahr finished in double figures with 10 points. Hannah Nordhausen scored eight points and Leiauna Alberts added seven.

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