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The Wallace Wildcats could not keep up with the Stapleton-McPherson County Cyclones Friday night, as they lost a shootout 68-44.

There was no doubt from the beginning of this game that it was going to be a track meet, as both teams combined for 44 first quarter points.

The Cyclones scored on all four of their first quarter possessions, but were unsuccessful on all four two-point conversions.

Despite one punt and an interception that ended two first quarter Wildcat drives, Wallace was able to stay close behind the arm of Ethan Scott and the legs of Sean May.

After being stopped on downs on their first possession at the Cyclone 19, the Wildcats took the lead on a beautiful 50 yard pass from Scott to May. May added the two point conversion to give the Wildcats an early 8-6 lead.

Following two Todd Walz touchdown runs that made the score 18-8 in favor of the Cyclones, Scott found May again for a 45 yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 18-14.

Both teams scored on their first play from scrimmage on their next possession as the teams combined to score four touchdowns in the final 3:04 of the first quarter.

Mark Baumgartner caught a 34 yard touchdown pass from Sawyer Hanna for Stapleton-McPherson County and Wallace scored on a May to Lane Swedberg pass that covered 40 yards. At the end of the first quarter the Wildcats trailed 24-20.

In the second quarter the Cyclones once again scored on all four of their possessions on runs by Walz of 28 yards and 29 yards, a run by Hanna of 16 yards and a four yard run by Levi Peterson.

The only points for the Wildcats in the second quarter came on a 28 yard run by May with 3:35 in the half that cut the Cyclone lead to 38-28.

At half time the Cyclones led 54-28.

The Cyclones extended their lead to 62-28 right after half time on a 15 yard pass from Hanna to Baumgartner.

The Wildcat defense would stiffen the rest of the game. May intercepted a Hanna pass to end one Cyclone drive. On the next Cyclone drive, May scooped up a fumbled exchange and raced 30 yards for a touchdown for the Wildcats' only points in the third quarter.

At the end of the third quarter the Wildcats trailed 62-36.

After stopping the Wildcats at their own four yard line, the Cyclones scored their last touchdown

of the game on a 76 yard run by Walz with 4:17 to play in the game. The touchdown was Walz's sixth of the game.

May capped the scoring with his fifth touchdown of the game on a 14 yard run with 9.5 seconds to play. May also scored the two point conversion to cut the lead to 68-44.

Next Action

The Wildcats will travel to Hayes Center on Friday to take on the Cardinals. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.