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The Wallace Wildcat boys got off to a successful start Friday night when they traveled to Maywood to take on the Maywood Tigers.

The Wildcats outscored the Tigers in every quarter as they cruised to a 57-20 victory.

Shawn Christensen and Lane Swedberg combined for 11 of the Wildcats' 15 first-quarter points, as Christensen scored six and Swedberg five to get the Wildcats off to a solid start.

Even though the game ended in a blowout, the Wildcats only led 15-10 at the end of the first

quarter.

The big difference in the game came when the Wildcats turned up the defensive pressure in the second and third quarters, holding the Tigers to two points in each quarter.

During the 16 minute stretch the Wildcats were able to increase a 30-12 halftime lead into a 43-14 lead after three quarters. Christensen keyed the run, scoring 12 of his game high 18 points in the second and third quarters combined.

With a comfortable lead, the Wildcats were able to get quality playing time for all 15 players that suited up for the varsity game.

Ten of the 15 players scored, as the Wildcats outscored the Tigers 14-6 in the final quarter for the easy win.

Swedberg and Sean May each hit two three point baskets for the Wildcats who had three players in double figures. Christensen led the Wildcats with 18 points. Swedberg and May added 12 and 11 respectively.

Wallace.....15 15 13 14 57

Maywood.....10 2 2 6 20

Saturday's Action

On Saturday night the Wildcats returned home to host D2's seventh ranked Wauneta-Palisade Broncos.

The Wildcats were able to contain two of the Broncos big scorers, but had no answer for Ricky Martin, who scored 14 of his game high 25 points in the first quarter.

Martin's outburst allowed the Broncos to open the game with a 20-13 lead after one quarter.

The Wildcats continued to battle in the second quarter and despite only three field goals, outscored the Broncos 12-9 to cut the lead to 29-25 at halftime. In the quarter the Wildcats hit six of nine free throws.

The key to the second quarter was increased aggressiveness on the offensive end for Wallace and adjustments on defense that allowed the Wildcats to hold Martin scoreless in the period.

The Wildcats continued to play good defense in the second half and held the Broncos to 23 second half points; however, Wallace only managed 17 second half points of their own.

"Despite the loss I'm still happy with the way we played this weekend," said Coach Terry Fowler. "We will be in good shape if we continue to improve."

Shawn Christensen led the Wildcats with 15 points. Sean May added 13. Other Wildcat scorers included Landon Swedberg with seven, Lane Swedberg with five, Josh Grauerholz with two and Jordan Christner with one point.

For the game the Wildcats hit 7-11 free throws and 4-15 three pointers.

W/P.....20 9 15 8 52

Wallace.....13 12 10 7 43

Next Action

The Wildcats will travel to Maxwell Friday to take on the Maxwell Wildcats. Tip will be at approximately 7:30 p.m., CDT.