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The good news Thursday night in Sutherland was that Lane Swedberg hit his first shot of the game, a three-pointer to give the Wallace Wildcats an early three point lead. The bad news was it was the only three pointer for the Wildcats, who missed their next 14 three point attempts.

Sutherland's Landon Holmes hit a two pointer and Tyler Jedlicki hit a three-pointer to give the Sailors a 5-3 lead.



Shawn Christensen tied the score with a driving layup on Wallace's next possession, but Jedlicki drilled his second three of the quarter to give the Sailors an 8-5 lead they would never relinquish.

After both teams traded baskets, Sean May stole a pass intended for Jedlicki and scored with 12 seconds left to cut the Sutherland lead to 10-9 at the end of the first quarter.

The Sailors looked to take control of the game scoring the first 10 points of the second quarter to take a 20-9 lead.

May got the Wildcats going in the second quarter with another steal and layup and a driving basket to cut the lead to 20-13. With seconds to go in the second quarter the Wildcats only trailed 22-17, but Sailor Austin Kelly hit a three-pointer to make the score 25-17 in favor of Sutherland at halftime.

Both teams continued to play good defense in the third quarter. Wallace outscored Sutherland 8-6 in the period until Kelly hit his second three-pointer to close out a quarter that extended the Sutherland lead to nine at 34-25 entering the fourth quarter.

Jordan Christner scored to start the fourth quarter for the Wildcats and following a Christensen free throw, May cut the Sutherland lead to four with a steal and layup.

Jedlicki scored the next two buckets of the game to give the Sailors a 38-30 lead with just under 5:00 to play in the game. The two baskets were the only field goals by the Sailors in the fourth quarter.

Christner then stole a long outlet pass and found May ahead of the pack for an easy layup. Another steal and layup by May made the score 38-34 in favor of Sutherland with two minutes to play.

Wallace got within two at 40-38, but couldn't get any closer as Sutherland hit seven of 10 free throws down the stretch to seal the 45-40 win.

May led the Wildcats with 14 points. Lane Swedberg also scored in double figures with 11. Other Wildcat scorers included Christensen with seven, Christner with six and Landon Swedberg with two points.

Christensen grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

May and Landon Swedberg led the Wildcats with six and five steals respectively.

Wallace.....9 8 8 15-40

Sutherland....10 15 9 11-45

Next Action

The Wildcats will be off until after the Christmas break. When they return they will travel to Curtis to take on the Medicine Valley Raiders on Tuesday, Jan. 4.