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On Tuesday night the Lady Cats traveled to face Dundy County/Stratton. The Ladies started the match a bit slow, struggling to maintain possession of the ball. Dundy County took and maintained the early lead, ending the first quarter ahead of the Lady Cats 10 to 15.

The second quarter, although slightly better for the Cats, was again plagued by turnovers. The Wildcats were outscored by their opponent by five, and headed into the locker room trailing by 10 points, 19 to 29.

The Lady Cats started the second half energized, and ready to play. The energy enabled the Wallace Wildcats to score 17 to Dundy County's 20. The third quarter ended with the Lady Cats trailing, 36 to 49.



The Cats were ready for the fourth quarter, and played tough. Unfortunately, so was Dundy County. At the sound of the buzzer, at the end of the fourth quarter, the Cats suffered their second loss of the season, 54 to 67.

Offensively, senior Katelynn Hild (five field goals and two free throws) led the Cats with 19 points, followed by senior MaKayla Gardner (two free throws) with 14 points. Senior Laura O'Brien (one field goal and one free throw) scored six points, senior Shanice Harris (five free throws) scored five points, senior Whitney Smith and junior Brooke Hochstetler (two free throws) each scored four points, and junior Emily Hasenauer made two points.

Leading the team with assists were Smith (five), Hild (three), Harris (one), Gardner (one), O'Brien (one), and Hasenauer (one).

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Harris (five), Gardner (five), O'Brien (two), Smith (one), and Hochstetler (one).

Defensively, Gardner led the team with five rebounds, one block, and one steal, followed by Hild with two rebounds and four steals. Hochstetler made three rebounds, Harris and Smith each had two rebounds and one steal, O'Brien had two rebounds, and Hasenauer had one rebound and one steal.

Wallace vs Arthur County

Thursday, the Wildcats played host to Arthur County. The Lady Cats were out to avenge Tuesday night's loss, and their aggressive play dominated the first half. At the end of the first quarter, Wallace led 18 to six.

The Lady Cats continued to play with energy and determination. Arthur County tried to come

back, but the Cats refused to let up. The Wildcats headed into the locker room at the half leading 35 to 17.

After half, Arthur County was ready to regain control of the game. As the starters took to the bench, Arthur saw a glimmer of hope, and the second and third string held their own. The third quarter ended 46 to 29.

The Lady Cats continued to battle in the fourth quarter. Arthur tried to mount a comeback, but they just ran out of time. The Wildcats won the game 58 to 40.

Offensively, Harris led the Cats with 16 points (four free throws), followed by Hochstetler with 12 points (two free throws). Smith and Gardner each had six points, O'Brien, junior Danica Messersmith, and sophomore Chelsea Sowle each had four points, Hild, Hasenauer, and sophomore Anna Griffiths each had two points.

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Sowle (five), Harris (four), Hochstetler (four), Gardner (two), O'Brien (one), Hasenauer (one), and Messersmith (one).

Leading the team with assists were Hild (four), O'Brien (two), Hasenauer (two), Gardner (two), Smith (two), junior Lexi Banks (two), Harris (one), Sowle (one), junior Kelsey Hubbard (one), and freshman Sara Hubbard (one).

Defensively, Hochstetler led the Cats with seven rebounds and two steals, followed closely Harris with six rebounds and three steals. O'Brien had two rebounds and three steals, Smith and Hasenauer each had two rebounds and two steals, Gardner had three rebounds, Sowle had two rebounds, Hild had two steals, Banks had one block and one steal, Messersmith and S. Hubbard each had one rebound.

Because the Lady Cats won in the first round of Conference play, they played Hitchcock County in a second round match in Wallace on Monday, Jan. 24.

Next Action

Third round conference play will be at Maywood on Thursday, Jan. 27 (tonight), and finals will be on Saturday, Jan. 29 in Bertrand.

Next week, on Tuesday, Feb. 1, the Lady Cats will travel to face the Brady Eagles, and Friday, Feb. 4, the Ladies will travel to face the Hayes Center Cardinals.