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Saturday, the Wildcats traveled to Hayes Center for the first round of the RPAC tournament. The Lady Cats had to face the Tigers of Maywood.

The Lady Cats took control of the court early, leaving the Tigers reeling. As the buzzer sounded the Lady Cats were ahead by 22, 26 to four.

The second quarter saw the Tigers pick up their game, but the Cats were determined and unwilling to relinquish control. The Cats outscored the Tigers by nine, strengthening their lead to 31. The Lady Cats headed into the locker-room leading, 42 to 11.

After half, inspired by their coach at the half the girls came out, and outscored the Tigers by 13. The Lady Cats played an excellent quarter, and the third quarter ended 60 to 16.

The Lady Cats continued to battle in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers were determined to gain some momentum. The Cats fought hard, and managed to add five to their commanding lead. The Wallace Wildcats won their first match in the RPAC Tournament, 73 to 24.

Offensively, Hild (two field goals), Smith, and Hochstetler led the Cats with 12 points each, followed by Sowle with 10 points. Harris (one free throw) had seven points, Gardner (two free throws), and K. Hubbard each had six points, O'Brien, Hasenauer, Banks, and Griffiths each had two points.

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Gardner (four), Sowle (four), Hochstetler (three), O'Brien (two), Messersmith (two), Banks (two), Griffiths (two), Harris (one), Smith (one), K. Hubbard (one), and Hasenauer (one).

Leading the team with assists were Hasenauer (six), Smith (four), O'Brien (three), Banks (three), Hochstetler (two), Hild (two), Gardner (one), Harris (one), K. Hubbard (one), and Griffiths (one).

Defensively, Hochstetler led the Cats with five rebounds, two blocks, and three steals, followed by Banks with seven rebounds and one steal. Hild had one rebound and six steals, O'Brien had

one block and five rebounds, Sowle had five rebounds, Gardner had four rebounds and one block, Harris and Smith each had two rebounds, one block, and two steals, Messersmith had two rebounds, Griffiths had two steals, K. Hubbard had one rebound and one steal, and Hasenauer had one steal.

### **Wallace vs Hitchcock Co.**

The Lady Cats continued to play tough, but Hitchcock County was energized. Both teams were unwilling to give the other any advantage, but in the end Hitchcock County was able to outscore the Cats by nine. The Wildcats headed into the locker room at the half trailing 27 to 34.

After half, the Lady Cats were ready to regain control of their home court. Again Hitchcock County wasn't willing to go down without a fight. The Lady Cats played an excellent quarter, and the third quarter ended 41 to 43.

The Lady Cats continued to battle in the fourth quarter, but a badly timed foul followed by a nicely placed shot by the Falcons meant the Cats' RPAC run was over for this season. Although the Cats outscored the Falcons by one in the fourth quarter, the Falcons won the match by one, 58 to 59.

Offensively, Harris led the Cats with 23 points (five free throws), followed by Hild with 16 (one free throw and three from the field) points. O'Brien had (one from the field) seven points, Gardner had six points, Smith had four points, and Hochstetler had two points.

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

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

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

### **Next Action**

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