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Last week the Lady Cats faced opponents on both Thursday and Friday nights.

Wallace vs South Platte

On Thursday night the Lady Cats played host to South Platte. The Lady Cats were primed and ready to play, and they took the early lead, outscoring their opponent by 15. The first quarter ended with the Lady Cats ahead, 23 to eight.

The second quarter saw a rally from South Platte. The lead allowed Coach Koop to give some of her younger players some valuable court time, and South Platte took advantage of this fact. The Wildcats were outscored by four in the second, but headed into the locker room in the lead 29 to 18.

The Lady Cats started the second half with a renewed energy and determination, but South Platte didn't let up. The third quarter ended 45 to 30.

The Cats were ready for the fourth quarter, and the less experienced players, once again, got the time on the court. South Platte played hard, and outscored the Cats by two, but the Wildcats won the game 60 to 47.

Offensively, junior Chelsea Sowle led the Lady Cats with 26 points, followed by senior Brooke Hochstetler with 17 points. Freshmen Christina Daniels had 10 points, seniors Kelsey Hubbard and Danica Messersmith, and sophomore Sara Hubbard each had two points, and junior Gini Phillips had one point.

Defensively, Hochstetler led the Cats with 14 rebounds, followed closely by Sowle with 13 rebounds. Senior Emily Hasenauer had five assists and three steals, Daniels had five rebounds and two steals, and K. Hubbard had four rebounds.

Wallace vs Paxton

Friday night, the Wildcats traveled to face the Tigers of Paxton. The Lady Cats started the night hoping to build on the momentum they had from Thursday. The Cats played hard and were tied with the Tigers with only minutes to go in the quarter, but Paxton got the ball back and ended the quarter with a quick four points, 16 to 20.

The Lady Cats continued to play with energy, but plagued by fouls the Cats just weren't allowed to gain any momentum. The Wildcats headed into the locker room at the half behind by

10, 26 to 36.

After half, the Tigers were ready to maintain control, but the Cats simply refused to just let this happen without a fight. The Cats fought hard, and matched them shot for shot. The third quarter ended with the Tigers still in the lead, 38 to 42.

The Lady Cats, determined to finish strong took the court with resolve. With every shot, momentum built, but the Tigers were tough and refused to relinquish the lead. Both teams scored 14 points in the final quarter, but it was the Tigers who were victorious, beating the Wildcats 52 to 66.

Offensively, Sowle led the Lady Cats with 16 points, followed by Hochstetler with 11 points, and Daniels with nine points. Hasenauer had six points, senior Lexi Banks had four points, and junior Anna Griffiths and D. Messersmith each had three points.

Defensively, Daniels led the team with seven rebounds, five assists, and two steals, followed by Hasenauer with eight assists, and Hochstetler and Sowle each with seven rebounds.

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The Lady Cats hosted Dundy County/Stratton on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

On Thursday, (tonight) Jan. 19, the Cats will travel to Arthur. The Lady Cats will then play in the RPAC tournament at Hitchcock County, with first round starting on Saturday, Jan. 21.

