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The Wildcats had high hopes when they traveled east to do battle with Brady but the Eagles were not very hospitable, dashing Wallace's plans for a second district win. Brady got the best of the Wildcats, defeating them by a score of 26-42.

The first quarter saw a lot of defense on display as the offenses tried to figure out successful ways to move the ball.

Late in the quarter the Eagles triumphed when Zach Mann ended a profitable drive with a 10 yard run. The Wildcats looked to respond when Shane Anders took a pass from John Marquardt all the way down to the six yard line but that was as close as they could get. Brady took over on downs as the quarter ended.

The near score for Wallace seemed to have sparked some enthusiasm because the Wildcat defense made short order of Brady's possession when they stopped the Eagles' attempt at a fourth and one. Wallace took over on Brady's 17-yard line and they only needed five plays to get the ball across the goal line.

Marquardt earned the TD on a five yard run and Anders added the PAT and the flurry of scoring had begun.

Brady quickly responded to regain their lead. Mann broke through the line to find 46 yards of open field and six more points for the score board. Not to be outdone, Wallace answered with a quick score of their own.

Marquardt hit Taylor Doell for a 52 yard gain and then Marquardt completed the drive with a 12 yard run and a one yard quarter-back sneak. Anders added another PAT and the Wildcats were back on top 14-12.

The Eagles had an answer for Wallace, they took control of the game scoring two more touch downs before the first half came to an end. Brady went to the locker room leading 14–28.

The Eagles didn't lose any momentum during the halftime break. Mann once again broke loose for a 42-yard touchdown run and with only 14 seconds ticking off the clock, Brady added to their score. Wallace needed a reply to stay in the game so the offense took the field to make a statement.

Josh May completed the drive with a two-yard run to bring the Wildcats back within 14 points.

Brady would not go away however. They found success running the ball at Wallace and put together a drive that took time off the clock and resulted in yet another touchdown.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, were plagued with penalty flags which really made it difficult for them to get anything going and the third quarter ended with the Blue and White looking at a 20–42 deficit.

The final quarter was much like the first in that the defenses controlled the game. The Wildcats were able to come up with some big plays but penalty flags continued to squelch their efforts. Wallace was able to get one final score when Taylor Doell found Landon Swedberg in the end zone for a 22-yard touchdown reception. The extra point attempt failed making the final score 26–42.

Statistically, the Wildcats matched Brady pretty well. Both teams had over 330 total offensive yards but Brady earned most of theirs on the ground and Wallace found their success in the air. John Marquardt finished the night with 67 yards rushing and he was nine of 23 passing for 119 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Jeff Harms and Taylor Doell were each involved in 12 tackles, Marquardt helped out with 10 and Mark Jameson with eight. Jose Arviso and Josh May led the way with unassisted tackles with five each.

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Wallace has another big game this week when Hitchcock County comes to town to do battle with the Wildcats. Game time is set for 7:30.