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Friday night's game between Wallace and Hitchcock County was a very important district game for both teams and the young men on the field played as if it was a big game. Right down to the final buzzer, it was a battle to the end. The crowd got their money's worth as the Wildcats held on to win the game 47–40.

The opening quarter was a good indication of things to come as the two teams went back and forth. Hitchcock County started the game with the ball but they were forced to punt their first possession.

Wallace on the other hand got a 54-yard run from John Marquardt and shortly after a 24-yard pass from Marquardt to Jose Arvizo that put them on the one-yard line. Marquardt put the first six points on the score board with a quarter back sneak.

The Falcons responded to the Wallace score by finding their way to the end zone on their next possession. The drive was completed when Alex Whipps completed a 15-yard pass to Daniel Arp.

Not to be outdone, the Wildcats came right back to score in the exact same way the Falcons did. Marquardt spotted a wide open Landon Swedberg for a 15-yard touchdown reception and with Shane Anders' PAT, the Wildcats were back on top 13–6.

The lead, however, was short lived when Whipps completed another touchdown pass on the second play of the Falcons' next drive. Austin Blume was the receiver who tied the score and a successful two-point conversion gave Hitchcock County their first lead of the game.

# Wildcats hold on to high-scoring win in district game

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