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Wallace played their final game of the regular season when they took on the Medicine Valley Raiders.

The Wildcats knew that the competition would be fierce and the undefeated Raiders proved why they are a state-rated team. Wallace was unable to find an answer for Medicine Valley's offense and they were not able to overcome the Raiders' unyielding defense.

The Wildcats struggled from the get go. Their first possession was a three and out. The Raiders, on the other hand, only needed three plays to get the ball in the end zone.



Wallace was able to move the ball on their second possession but Med. Valley came up with an interception which they eventually turned into another six points.

The third time was not a charm for the Wildcat offense or defense, the offense had to once again punt the ball and the defense was unable to stop the Raiders. As the quarter came to an end however, Wallace found some success by going to the air. John Marquardt found Landon Swedberg for a 21-yard gain and then he followed that up with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Tanner Clough. Marquardt added the two-point conversion to make the first quarter score 8-21.

The second quarter ended up being a defensive battle. Both teams had some good drives but the opposing defense would come up with a big play to get a turn over or force a punt. The Raiders did manage a touchdown late in the quarter to send them to the locker room at half time leading 8-21.

Things did not improve for the Wildcats in the second half. Injuries hampered the speed in the back field and a relentless Raider defense stopped every other option that Wallace threw at them. Medicine Valley, however, had too many weapons to contain.

Quarterback Riley Garey was passing and running and they had two shifty runners in the backfield that knew where to find the holes their linemen were creating. The Raiders put three more touchdowns on the board to make the score 8-46 at the end of the third quarter.

The final quarter provided some playing time for the JV squads. Due to injuries, many of the Wallace players had been on the field but Med. Valley had a lot of fresh players with a great deal of adrenaline eager to put more points in the score book.

The Raiders were able to score two more touchdowns but not without a good fight from the Wildcat defense getting some big plays. The final score was 8-58.

The Wildcat offense was led by John Marquardt who carried the ball 19 times for 45 yards and

he was four for 14 for 48 yards passing. Shane Anders stepped up big for the Wallace defense getting 11 solo tackles and three assists and Jeff Harms had eight solos and two assists.

The Wildcats have their bye week this week so they are awaiting the results of Friday's games to see how the playoff situation will work out. It appears that Wallace has earned a spot in the playoffs but all the details won't be determined until all games are completed on Thursday and Friday.