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The Wildcats continued their two game a week pace as they faced the Brady Eagles and the Hayes Center Cardinals last week. Both games saw the Wildcats experience some ups and downs which made for a battle up to the final buzzer and two different endings.

Wallace 55, Brady 62

Wallace traveled to Brady on Tuesday to compete against a tough Brady team. The Cats had a difficult time getting things going in the game; with the quarter more than half over, Lane Scott was the only player that had made a basket.

John Marquardt changed the look a bit when he drove in for a basket which he got to add a free throw to and then he was on the receiving end of a fast break for another quick bucket. Before the quarter came to an end, Shane Anders added a put back and Jose Arvizo drained a three-pointer to bring the first quarter score to 17-12, Wildcats trailing.

The shooting woes carried over into the second quarter for Wallace, shots were just not falling; Brady on the other hand was getting everything to go. The Wildcats had to play tough defense to stay in the game. Scott, Swedberg and Marquardt each scored four points in the quarter and Josh Grauerholz scored two but that was all they could get on the board. The good news was that Wallace was able to hold Brady to just 14 points as well so they went to the locker room maintaining their five point lead with a score of 31-26.

The frustrations the Wildcats experienced in the first half increased in the third period, 10 points was all they could add to their score. Grauerholz added three points to the books, Hayden Woodcox, Shane Anders and Collin Swedberg each had a basket and Landon Swedberg had a free throw.

Wallace saved their best for last putting up 19 points in the final quarter. After a Marquardt free throw, Collin Swedberg turned a steal into two points. Shane Anders then scored two of his six points. Landon Swedberg combined a couple free throws, a jumper and three-pointer for his seven points, Lane Scott added a couple free throws and Taylor Doell had one.

The Wildcats came up short falling to the Eagles 62-55.

The leaders in scoring were Landon Swedberg with 12, John Marquardt and Shane Anders with 10 and Lane Scott with eight.

Wallace 55, Hayes Center 51

Friday Wallace traveled to Hayes Center for the second meeting this season. The Wildcats’ shooting issues made the trip as well, once again they struggled getting points on the board.

Taylor Doell got a long jumper to fall and then made a three-pointer early in the game but the rest of the points came from short jumpers in the lane. In spite of their shooting trials, the Wildcats were only down 26-25 at half time.

The Hayes Center game very much resembled the Brady game in that the third quarter was low scoring for Wallace but the final quarter they out scored their opponent; this time for a

different result.

Wallace not only stepped up the offense but they also found a way to slow the Cardinals down with their defense. The Wildcats still had to rely on their inside game to score but their shooting percentage improved, thus, more points. The other positive in the second half was free throw shooting. Wallace scored nine points from free throws which was the difference in the game.

Wallace trailed at the end of each quarter but came from behind in the fourth to defeat Hayes Center 55-51.

Landon Swedberg was the leading scorer with 19, Josh Grauerholz had 12 and Taylor Doell was close behind with 11.