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On Tuesday night the Lady Cats traveled to host the Brady Eagles. The Wildcats were ready to show the Eagles what cats do to birds, but the Eagles weren't ready to concede to the confident Cats. In the first quarter the Eagles outscored the Cats by just four, 13 to 17.

In the second quarter, the Eagles started to gain momentum, but the Cats refused to give up. The Wildcats headed into the locker room trailing the Eagles by 14, 27 to 41.



After the half, the Cats were energized, and ready to take control of the game, but the Eagles refused to let them gain any momentum. At the end of the third quarter the score was 35 to 54.

The Cats were trailing, but refused to stop fighting. In the fourth quarter the Lady Cats outscored the Eagles, but it was too little too late. The Eagles won the game, 50 to 66.

Offensively, sophomore Christina Daniels led the Cats with 18 points, followed closely by senior Chelsea Sowle with 15 points. Senior Anna Griffiths had eight points, senior Katelyn Melton had five points, and juniors Alexandria Lundvall and Sara Hubbard each had two points. Leading the team with assists were Griffiths (four), Daniels (three), Melton (two), and Sowle (one).

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Daniels (seven), Sowle (three), Griffiths (one), junior Paige Aylward (one), and sophomore Morgan Messersmith (one).

Defensively, Melton led the Cats with six rebounds and two steals, followed by Sowle with four rebounds, one block, and three steals, and Daniels with two rebounds and six steals. Griffiths had one rebound and three steals, and Lundvall and Messersmith each had one rebound and one steal.

### Wallace vs Hayes Center

Tuesday, the Wildcats traveled to face the Hayes Center Cardinals. Looking to regain their edge and always up for their rivals, the Cardinals, the Cats took the court with confidence and determination. In the first quarter the Wildcats outscored the Cardinals 16 to 12.

The Lady Cats continued to play with energy. Both teams were unwilling to give the other any advantage, but in the end the Lady Cats were able to outscore the Cardinals by three strengthening their lead to seven. The Wildcats headed into the locker room leading, 32 to 25.

After half, the Lady Cats were ready to regain control they had from the first half, but the Cardinals came out with something to prove. The Lady Cats played well, but the Cardinals played better, outscoring the Cats by two. The third quarter ended 44 to 39.

The Lady Cats who struggled to regain any momentum from the first half in the third quarter,

dug deep and found their determination. The Wildcat shooters got hot, and the Cardinals seemed to deflate. The Wildcats outscored their opponent by seven in the fourth quarter, and won the game 65 to 53.

Offensively, Daniels led the Cats with 24 points, followed by Sowle with 14 points, and Griffiths with 11 points. Hubbard had nine points, Messersmith had four points, and Melton had three points.

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Griffiths (six), Sowle (four), Daniels (four), Melton (three), Hubbard (three), and Aylward (one).

Leading the team with assists were Melton (five), Hubbard (four), Griffiths (three), Messersmith (two), Sowle (one), and Daniels (one).

Defensively, Melton led the Cats with six rebounds, two blocks, and six steals, followed by Daniels with three rebounds and five steals, and Sowle with three rebounds, one block, and three steals. Hubbard had two rebounds and five steals, Messersmith had two rebounds and two steals, Griffiths had three steals, and Aylward had two rebounds and one steal.

### **Next Action**

On Thursday, Feb. 7, the Lady Cats will play host to Stapleton-McPherson County, with junior varsity starting at 4 p.m. The Wildcats will then host Hitchcock County on Friday, Feb. 8, with junior varsity starting at 4 p.m.