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Thursday, Feb. 7, the Wallace Wildcats played host to the Stapleton McPherson County Cyclones. In the first quarter it was clear that the Ladies came to play matching the Cyclones shot for shot. The first quarter ended with the Lady Cats leading, 14 to 9.

In the second quarter momentum really started to build for the Lady Cats, but the Cyclones came charging back. As the buzzer sounded at the half, the Wildcats headed into the locker room leading 24 to 22.

The Lady Cats started the second half ready for the win. After some inspiring words from the coaches, the Wildcats took control of the court, outscoring the Cyclones by four, and extending their lead to six. The third quarter ended 36 to 30.

In the fourth quarter, the Cats continued to battle, but the Cyclones refused to go quietly into the night. The Cyclones matched the Cats shot for shot, and slowly started to pull away. With minutes to go the Cats were leading, but barely, and the Cyclones could sense the blood in the water. The Cats were outscored by 11, and lost a heartbreaker 42 to 45.

Offensively, sophomore Christina Daniels led the Cats with 21 points, followed by senior Chelsea Sowle with 11 points. Senior Katelyn Melton and junior Paige Aylward each had three points, and senior Anna Griffiths and junior Sara Hubbard each had two points.

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Sowle (four), Melton (four), Griffiths (two), Daniels (one), and Hubbard (one). Leading the team with assists were Melton (four), Griffiths (one), Hubbard (one), junior Alexandria Lundvall (one), and sophomore Morgan Messersmith (one).

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

steal, Lundvall had one rebound, and Messersmith had one steal.

Wallace vs Hitchcock Co.

On Friday, Feb. 8, the Wildcats played host to the Hitchcock County Falcons. Hitchcock came out strong, and the Lady Cats pushed hard to match their intensity. The first quarter ended 12 to 13.

The Wildcats were able to gain some ground in the second quarter, but the Falcons wouldn't really let them gain any momentum. The Lady Cats outscored the Falcons by two and headed into the locker room leading 22 to 21.

The third quarter was dominated once again by Hitchcock County, but the Cats refused to go away quietly. At the end of a physical quarter the score was tied at 31.

In the fourth quarter, however, the Lady Cats caught fire. At first they matched their opponent shot for shot, but later they managed to pull away. Their momentum, which was started by some pressure free throws by Daniels, just continued to build. The game ended in a Wildcat victory, 54 to 43.

Offensively, Sowle led the Cats with 27 points, followed by Daniels with 17 points. Hubbard had six points, and Griffiths and Messersmith each had two points.

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

Defensively, Melton led the Cats with four rebounds, two blocks, and three steals, followed closely by Sowle with eight rebounds and one steal, and Daniels with two rebounds, one block, and four steals. Griffiths had three rebounds and three steals, and Hubbard had two rebounds and three steals.

Next Action

The Lady Cats behan their bid for state on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Cambridge against the Hayes Center Cardinals. Results will appear next week.