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Game six of the 2013 football season is complete and win number six is in the books for Wallace. The Blue and White went head-to-head with a district rival, Brady.

The Wildcats were determined to make sure the game had a different outcome than last year.

Wallace was on the receiving end of the opening kickoff and they marched right down the field to be the first to get on the score board. The drive started on the Wildcat 15-yard line and on a second and five, Josh May took advantage of some blocking and scampered 33 yards to the Brady 27-yard line. A few plays later Landon Swedberg went the final 16 yards for the score. John Marquardt tacked on the two-point conversion to give Wallace an 8-0 lead.

Brady went right to work to respond to the Wildcat score by putting together a successful drive. The Eagles took four minutes off the clock gaining just enough yardage to keep the chains moving until they had progressed to the Wallace six-yard line. It was there that they completed the drive when Cody Warren got around the outside and in to the end zone for a Brady touchdown. Wallace stopped the two-point conversion and with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter, the Wildcats had an 8-6 lead.

The Big Blue offense took the field fired up and ready to put more points on the board and they wasted no time doing so. The offensive line opened up a hole for Swedberg on a second and nine and he traveled 64 yards for a Wildcat TD. The attempt for extra points fell short so the score was at 14-6.

Brady started their next drive with decent field position on their own 32-yard line but on the second play of the possession, Tanner Clough intercepted quarterback Trevor Mann. The Wallace offense was back on the field at their 27-yard line ready to add to their lead.

Marquardt dropped back to pass on a second and seven when he spotted Andrew Gardner in the middle of the field. Gardner snagged the pass and went the distance for a 50-yard touchdown pass play. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful, Wallace had a 20-6 lead.

The Big Blue defense forced the Eagles to punt after a three-and-out. The Wildcat offense took advantage of the opportunity and they were on the move again when the first quarter came to an end.

Wallace used a variety of offensive looks and players to move the ball down the field. Marquardt capped off the drive with a four-yard run and then he added the two-point conversion to make the score 28-6.

The Brady offense was struggling after their successful opening drive, so they tried going to the air to get past the stingy Wildcat defense. Landon Swedberg spoiled that plan as well when he intercepted a pass and gave his team the ball on the Eagle 22-yard line.

The running game had been working for the Wildcats but Marquardt wanted to remind Brady that their defense needed to defend the passing game as well. He threw a perfect pass to Tanner Clough for a quick score. Wallace added another six points to the score board with only 58 seconds ticking off the clock, their lead increased to 34-6.

Brady kept working to find ways to deal with the Wallace defense and they were able to move the ball to the Wildcat 21-yard line. The Big Blue defense ended the drive however when they stopped the Eagles short of the needed yardage on a fourth and 12.

Wallace took over on downs at their own 33-yard line. On the first play of their possession, Swedberg made his way to the sideline where he was able to go all the way for a touchdown.

The two-point conversion was unsuccessful so the score stood at 40–6.

Brady had one more shot on offense before halftime but they were forced to punt when they faced at fourth and 14 at their own 11-yard line. Shane Anders was able to get to the kicker and block the punt. The Wildcats got the ball at Brady's five-yard line.

The Wildcats needed three plays but on third and goal, Marquardt threw a short pass to Swedberg and he was able to cross the goal line for one more touchdown before half. The scoreboard read 46-6 as the second quarter came to an end.

Brady was probably hoping that the red hot Wildcats would cool off a bit on the cold and windy October night but Wallace was on fire as much in the second half as they were in the first. The defense stopped the Eagles with negative yardage on their first possession.

Following a short punt, the Wildcats started their first offensive charge near mid-field. Wallace just ran at the Eagles, gaining positive yardage with each carry as they advanced the ball to the 13 yard line. At that point, it appeared that Marquardt was looking to pass the ball on a second down and it looked as if he might get sacked but he shook his would-be tacklers and ran for a touchdown to give increase his teams lead to 52-6.

Wallace continued to dominate the game. The defense once again forced Brady to punt after a three-and-out and the offense moved the ball at will. Their next touchdown came when Marquardt dropped back to pass on a second and 14 and spotted Jacob Melton for a 39-yard touchdown pass play. Andrew Gardner was able to add the two-point conversion and with the clock showing 2:01 in the third, Wallace was up 60-6.

The Wildcat defense took advantage of a penalty and stopped the Eagles on fourth down at the five-yard line, short of a first down.

Wallace came up one yard short of a first down and attempted to punt the ball. The snap went over the punter's head and through the end zone for a safety.

The game ended with a final score of 60–8.

The offensive leaders for the Wildcats were John Marquardt and Landon Swedberg. Marquardt was 5 for 8 passing for 127 yards and four TDs and he rushed for 68 yards on 13 carries and he had two rushing TDs. Swedberg rushed for 170 yards on 11 carries and had three rushing TDs and one reception for a touchdown.

Defensively, the Wildcats were led by Jeff Harms and Shane Anders. Harms had six solo tackles and 13 assists, deflected a pass and had one QB sack. Anderse had four solo tackles, 10 assists, one sack, caused a fumble, recovered a fumble and blocked a kick.

Wallace will be on the road this week when they travel to Trenton to take on Hitchcock County for a huge district game. Kick off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.