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Wallace had a full week of basketball last week as they competed in three regular season ball games; Medicine Valley, Arthur and Mullen.

**Wallace vs. Med. Valley**

Wallace was the first to get on the board when Landon Swedberg put in a three-pointer and John Marquardt added a free throw. Med. Valley, however, came up with six unanswered points before Landon Swedberg stole the ball and passed it ahead to Collin Swedberg to get the lay up.

The game went back and forth, two Raider free throws followed by two free throws by Landon Swedberg; a jumper for the Raiders, and a three-point corner shot by Landon Swedberg. Medicine Valley then went on a six-point run to take the lead. Before the quarter came to an end however, Collin Swedberg put in a three-pointer, assisted Landon Swedberg for a lay in and then he added another basket from beyond the arc to give Wallace a 19-16 lead at the end of period one.

The fast paced game continued into the second quarter. John Marquardt and Shane Anders both put up points on put backs and Marquardt added a basket off the glass. Collin and Landon Swedberg each added a jump shot and then there was a steal turned into points, a couple of great assists as well a free throws. Wallace went into half-time with a narrow 37-35 lead.

The third quarter ended up being the difference maker for the Wildcats as their defense stepped up and held the Raiders to just one basket. The Wallace offense slowed down a bit but

they still managed to put up 10 points.

Late in the quarter, Collin Swedberg hit another three and just before the buzzer sounded, Andrew Gardner put in a rebound to give Wallace a 47-37 lead.

The scoring went back and it looked as if Wallace was going to win by nine points but Med. Valley hit a three to end the game to make the final score 55-49.

Wallace was led by Landon Swedberg who had 21 points, five steals, four assists and six rebounds. Collin Swedberg had 20 points, one steal, one assist and four rebounds.

### **Wallace vs. Arthur Co.**

Friday night, Wallace hosted the Arthur County Wolves. The Wildcats controlled the game throughout with a very tough defense and an offense that scored at will.

The Cats started the game on fire scoring 10 times before Arthur put any points on the board. Shane Anders got a couple quick baskets underneath and Landon Swedberg drove the lane a couple of times and added a long three. Wallace had a huge 22-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The scoring in second quarter was quite similar to that in the first. Wallace had a variety of players put points on the board. After two periods of play, Wallace had a 40-9 lead.

Wallace put up fewer points in the second half but they continued to dominate. The Wildcats had a 55-15 third quarter lead.

The final quarter started with two Andrew Gardner free throws. After the Wolves scored their final basket, Jacob Melton went off and put in eight fourth quarter points. Dillon Koop turned a rebound into points to make the final score 67-17.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Landon Swedberg with 15 points, five steals, four assists, four rebounds and one blocked shot. Shane Anders and Jacob Melton both scored 10 points; Anders had two steals, two rebounds and one blocked shot and Melton had two steals.

### **Wallace vs Mullen**

The final game of the week was the difficult one for the Wildcats. Wallace traveled to Mullen to take on a very determined and fired up Bronco team. As the game got underway, it went back and forth with the lead changing often.

The Broncos jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead but John Marquardt responded with a basket in the paint and a free throw. Mullen put up three more points and after Andrew Gardner nailed a short jumper, Marquardt got inside for two more baskets and a one point Wildcat lead mid way through the quarter.

As the game continued, so did the lead changes. Late in the quarter, Collin Swedberg hit a jumper and added a free throw to knot the game up at 19 at the end of the opening period.

Wallace went cold in the second quarter as they struggled to get the ball to fall. The Wildcats only managed to put up nine points.

The Wildcats found themselves behind 34-28 at halftime.

Wallace battled in the third quarter struggling to stay with the Broncos. Landon Swedberg was the first to get points on the board and after Mullen put up five unanswered points, the Wildcats came storming back.

Before Mullen scored, Landon Swedberg turned a steal into a basket and then he got a much needed three-pointer and it was a two-point game.

Every run that Wallace made, Mullen responded to stay ahead. Late in the quarter, Hayden Woodcox and Shane Anders both scored but the Broncos added a basket and two free throws to take a four point lead into the final period.

Mullen came right out in the fourth quarter and put up two quick baskets. Collin Swedberg

finally broke the ice for Wallace but the Broncos came back with two more baskets before Swedberg could add a free throw; Mullen had increased their lead by nine.

The Broncos once again put up two scores before Dillon Koop was able to hit a big three-pointer. The Cats finally got three consecutive scores. Mullen came back however, with two more scores before Shane Anders turned a steal into points.

Mullen went to work to get time off the clock which forced Wallace to foul; unfortunately, the Broncos didn't miss many free throws.

Mullen drained nine free throws.

The Broncos ended the game with a 72-62 victory.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Shane Anders with 18 points, three steals, two assists and nine rebounds. Collin Swedberg contributed 13 points, three steals, two assists and three rebounds; Landon Swedberg had 12 points, five steals, three assists, and seven rebounds and John Marquardt put up nine points, four steals, five assists, and three rebounds

### **Next Action**

Wallace will host South Platte for a Thursday night game and then they will travel to Paxton for a conference game on Friday night.