



On Thursday, Jan. 16, Wallace defeated the South Platte Knights, 43-40, on the Wildcat home court and continued their winning streak on the road Friday, Jan. 17, landing a 37-31 victory over the Paxton Tigers.

The wins are a moral boost for the team who started the season 0-6, but have managed a 4-1 record since returning from the holiday break.

The teams seemed to be an even match on Thursday night and the scoreboard is proof. At the end of the first quarter, the score was evenly tied at 13. The Knights were focused on keeping Junior Christina Daniels from scoring after her record-breaking performance last week. Wildcat teammates stepped up and became a threat on the court as well.

At halftime the Wildcats were behind by three, but fortunately the night was not over. The third quarter the girls closed the gap and trailed by a single point.

During the final eight minutes the Wildcats outscored the Knights by four, clenching a win despite a last second three made by their opponent.

Daniels led the Wildcats in scoring 18 points offensively. Senior Sara Hubbard sank 10 points while Maggie May had six, Alex Lundvall and Hayley Storm had four, and Morgan Messersmith had one point.

The Wildcats snatched 19 offensive rebounds from the boards while their opponent earned nine.

The Wallace defense caused 15 turnovers while gaining 19 rebounds.

Traveling to Paxton to face a conference and district rival proved successful on Friday night for the Lady Wildcats.

Again the teams were an even match up, keeping the score close throughout the game. Paxton led by three points to end the first quarter, but Wallace turned the table in the second quarter, hustling into the halftime locker room with a three point lead.

The Wildcats maintained this lead throughout the night and ended with their fourth straight victory.

Leading both the Paxton and Wallace teams in scoring, Daniels sank 16 points, followed by Lundvall- 8, Storm-6, May- 3, Hubbard and Messersmith- 2. Defensively, Daniels grabbed 11 of the team's 20 rebounds.

Wallace (4-7) will aim to continue their winning streak as they face Dundy County Stratton (14-0) at home on Jan. 21 and on the road against Arthur County (4-6) on Jan. 23. RPAC tournament play will begin Saturday at Maywood with Wallace facing the number six seed, Hayes Center (4-9).

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