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Wallace went on the road to take on the Creek Valley Storm for their final regular season game.

The Wildcats struggled with uncharacteristic mistakes and the great outside shooting of the young Storm team but they managed to stick with the game plan and come away with the victory.

Wallace had a great start with a strong opening quarter. The Cats scored the first three baskets of the game which started with Landon Swedberg driving in for two followed by a Collin Swedberg basket off the glass. John Marquardt put in the third basket to give Wallace the early 6-0 lead.

Creek Valley got on the board when senior, Lane Godfrey stepped beyond the arc for the first of many Storm three-pointers. Swedberg responded with a couple of baskets and then Andrew Gardner drove the lane for two. Brett Lane hit another Storm three-pointer and Collin Brott add a jump shot.

Before the quarter came to an end, Swedberg knocked down a three-pointer and Hayden Woodcox hit a jumper to give Wallace a 17-8 lead.

The Storm came on strong in the second quarter to close the gap on the Wildcat lead. Godfrey put up a quick five points for the Storm but Shane Anders responded with two baskets of his own. Wallace and Creek Valley exchanged baskets the entire quarter.

Scoring the remaining second quarter points for the Wildcats were Gardner and Swedberg with a bucket each, Tanner Clough and Woodcox each with a free throw and Anders with a put back and a free throw.

The third quarter was a slow quarter for both squads; Wallace was only able to put up 11 points but they held Creek Valley to just six points. Gardner started things off with a bucket off the glass and then Anders nailed a jumper. Collin Swedberg got loose a couple of times to drive to the basket and then Anders ended the quarter with a three-pointer.

Things came together for the Cats in the final period as they played their most complete quarter of the game. Anders started the quarter with two great assists; one to Swedberg and on to Marquardt.

The next Wallace basket came from an amazing put back by Marquardt. Swedberg then went on a six point run driving the lane.

The remainder of the game the teams ended up exchanging baskets.

Scoring points for Wallace were Anders and Marquardt with put backs and then Swedberg drove the lane for a basket and one. Anders added another put back and then Jeff Harms put in two free throws. The final basket of the game came from a Jacob Melton jump shot.

Wallace defeated Creek Valley 66-48. Leading the way for the Wildcats were Swedberg and Anders. Swedberg put up 22 points and he had seven rebounds, four steals, three assists and four blocked shots. Anders had 16 points, 12 rebounds, one steal and five assists.

It all comes down to sub-districts for teams across the state. The better team in each remaining gain, extends their season and the team that comes up short, sees their season come to an end.

Wallace has a challenging district in which each game should be a competitive match up. Top seated Hitchcock County will face Maywood in the early game and then the Wildcats will take on a tough Hayes Center squad. The winners of each game will meet in Thursdays (today) sub-district final. The tournament is taking place in Bartley at the Southwest High School.