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Neither a four hour bus trip nor an October blizzard could stop Sean May and the Wallace Wildcats from getting their first win of the season at Banner County Friday night.

May, who scored seven touchdowns led the Wildcats to a comfortable 68-32 victory over the Banner County Wildcats. With the win, Wallace improved to 1-5 on the season.

Banner County scored the first points of the game, but their lead was short lived as May returned the ensuing kickoff 70 yards for his first touchdown of the game. The successful two point conversion gave Wallace the lead, 8-6.

The big kick return also gave the Wallace Wildcats momentum, as they scored 38 unanswered points in the first and second quarters.

May and Shawn Christensen each scored on short runs in the first quarter to give the Wildcats a 24-6 lead at the end of the first.

May and Christensen each scored on long runs early in the second quarter. May scored his third touchdown on a 38 yard run and Christensen on a 45 yard pitch play to give Wallace a 38-6 lead midway through the second quarter.

Banner County stopped the Wallace scoring streak with a touchdown pass right before halftime to make the score 38-12 at halftime.

Forty-five mph winds and wet, sticky snow greeted both teams in the second half. Visibility was just as difficult as moving the ball and neither team was able to get on the board in the third quarter.

Banner County made the game interesting with two touchdown passes to start the fourth quarter. The two touchdowns cut the Wallace lead to 38-24.

However, Wallace got the momentum back once again, as May returned the Banner County kickoff 69 yards for his second kick return touchdown of the game and his fourth overall touchdown. Lane Swedberg scored the two point conversion to give Wallace a 46-24 lead.

After stopping Banner County on downs, May scored again on a 30 yard run right up the middle. Swedberg once again added the two point conversion as Wallace extended their lead to 54-24 midway through the fourth quarter.

“We had to make some adjustments in the fourth quarter,” said Wallace Coach Derek Hutchison. “We couldn’t throw the ball into the wind and the field conditions didn’t allow us to run outside. We just lined up and went right at them most of the fourth quarter. The offensive line did a good job as Banner County lined up all eight guys in the box to stop us.”

Banner County scored a touchdown on their next possession, but it was too little too late as it was their final points of the game.

When Wallace got the ball back, May scored his sixth touchdown of the game on a 10 yard run straight up the middle once again.

May’s seventh touchdown of the game came on a 30 yard interception return late in the game that gave the Wildcats the win by a final score of 68-32.

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This week is homecoming for Wallace as they will host the Potter-Dix Coyotes. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. CDT.