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The Wallace Wildcats ended their regular season of basketball on a high note as they defeated the Creek Valley Storm in a decisive manner. The Wildcats came out with a strong first quarter shooting very well.

Landon Swedberg nailed his first three shots and Taylor Doell was two for two with his jump shot. John Marquardt added a trey and Ethan Scott put his two points on the board. As time was running out, Swedberg launched a shot just inside the half court line that banked in so that the Wildcats ended the quarter with an 18 - 15 lead.



Wallace extended their lead in the second quarter by continuing to shoot high percentage shots. Josh Grauerholtz got things started for the Cats by draining a three-pointer and Doell followed that up with a trey of his own.

Wallace then moved things inside, Grauerholtz got his next two baskets in the paint and Swedberg tipped in a rebound. Shane Anders attempted a shot off the glass but he had to earn his points at the free throw line. Doell added one more trey before time expired to help the Wildcats go into halftime leading 35-23.

The third quarter was not a bad quarter for Wallace but they were not nearly as aggressive and the Storm outscored them by three points.

Creek Valley might have felt like they were making a comeback as the fourth quarter got underway but the Wildcats had other ideas. They came back and totally dominated the final eight minutes.

Swedberg began his scoring frenzy right off the get-go by stepping beyond the arc. Shortly after he put in a pair of short jumpers. Anders then dropped in a bucket and Grauerholtz added a pair of free throws and a put back. Swedberg then lit up again for a couple more baskets and three free throws.

As time was winding down, Marquardt drove the lane for a basket and one. Doell put up the final pair of the Wildcats 25 fourth quarter points.

Wallace went home with a 70-52 victory.

Wallace experienced one of their better shooting games and hope to carry that into district play. Swedberg led the scoring with a season high 27, Doell had 17 and Grauerholtz contributed 14.

### **Next Action**

The Wildcats traveled to Imperial for their district tournament. Their first game was against Maywood on Monday, Feb. 20. Results will appear next week.