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The homecoming game proved to be a game of ups and downs and momentum changes for the Wildcats. Wallace was able to accomplish more when they had the momentum than Hayes Center did so they were able to come away with a 64–50 victory.

The first quarter belonged to the Cardinals. They took the opening possession and moved right down the field getting positive yardage on every play.

With less than two minutes ticking off the clock, Hayes Center had seven points on the board. Wallace was not quite as successful moving the ball and had to punt their first possession. The Cardinal offense picked up where they left off and once again had little trouble moving the ball but the Wildcat defense did not allow a score this time round.

Both defenses were controlling the game until late in the quarter when Hayes Center put together another successful drive which put them up 0–14 at the end of the quarter.

Wallace wasted little time letting the large crowd know who was going to control the second quarter. John Marquardt went 20 yards on the second play of the quarter to put six points on the board for the Cats. Taylor Doell then ended the Cardinals next drive by intercepting Tristan Johnson and running it back to Hayes Centers end of the field.

Two plays later, Marquardt scampered 29 yards for his second touchdown of the evening and the Wildcats were just getting started with their scoring. Marquardt found his favorite receiver, Taylor Doell, for two 14 yard pass plays in a row; the second reception was good for six more points. With a successful two point conversion, Wallace had their first lead at 20–14 and there was still 3:10 left on the clock; plenty of time for more scoring.

