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On Thursday the Wildcats played host to the Hayes Center Cardinals for their second round of the RPAC tournament. This was the first time this season that the Cats faced the Cards.

The Lady Cats took the court with confidence. They pushed the Cardinals hard and at the end of the first quarter they had the lead by five, 15 to 10.



The second quarter saw the Cardinals pick up their game, but the Cats were determined. The Cats matched the Cardinals shot for shot, which served to deflate Hayes Center just a bit. The Lady Cats headed into the locker-room leading, 33 to 24.

After half, the girls seemed to rebuild some of their drive. Wallace pushed hard, and the Cardinals seemed to no longer have the answer. The third quarter ended with the Wildcats increasing their lead to 12, 46 to 34.

The Lady Cats continued to battle in the fourth quarter, and they were determined to keep their momentum. They continued to battle, and the lead let Coach Messersmith give some of the younger players some valuable court time. As the buzzer sounded, the Wildcats won 66 to 50.

Offensively, senior Chelsea Sowle led the Cats with a personal best of 30 points, followed by sophomore Christina Daniels with 24 points. Senior Anna Griffiths had five points, senior Katelyn Melton had four points, and junior Sara Hubbard had three points.

Leading the team with offensive rebounds were Sowle (four), Melton (four), Daniels (three), Griffiths (one), and Hubbard (one). Leading the team with assists were Melton (four), Hubbard (four), Griffiths (three), junior Alexandria Lundvall (three), Daniels (three), Sowle (one), and junior Paige Aylward (one).

Defensively, Sowle led the Cats with seven rebounds, three blocks, and one steal, followed by Melton with seven rebounds, one block, and three steals. Daniels had three rebounds and three steals, Griffiths and Hubbard each had three rebounds and two steals, and Aylward had one rebound and one steal.

### Next Action

On Tuesday Jan. 29, the Lady Cats traveled to face the Brady Eagles, and Friday, Feb. 1, the Ladies will travel to face the Hayes Center Cardinals.