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The Turpin Cardinals finished off their fall semester hardwood schedule with wins on Friday and Saturday night.

Friday, the Cardinals traveled to Fargo, Okla, and defeated the Bearcats 50-43.

Turpin held Fargo to only 16 points in the first half, used their defense to set up their offense.

“We ran our full court press and it seemed to bother them,” said Turpin head coach Gary Wallace. “When we dropped back at half-court we played zone and did a real good job getting out on their shooters so they could not get open shots.”

Turpin led 14-7 after one quarter and 25-16 at the half. Fargo outscored Turpin 10-9 in the third and 17-16 in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late.

“They ran a box-and-one and really tried to limit Konner’s touches. Rogelio (Regelado) was left open and hit some big shots,” said Wallace.

Konner Hood led the Cardinals with 12 points, Rogelio Regalado added 10, Cody Levens 8, Braydon Robinson 7, Aaron Kuns 5, Cale Longhofer and Allen Keene each had 4.

Saturday night Turpin traveled to face the Shattuck Indians. The Cardinals used great defense in the first half, and big offense in the second to win 59-35.

“We hit the boards real well in this game,” said Wallace. “Allen (Keene) is stepping up for us and was big the entire weekend.”

Keene, who is more of a defensive stopper, had one of his best offensive nights of the season scoring 8. Cale Longhofer also played well in the paint and tallied 16.

Turpin was able to grab a 14-8 lead after one period and increased their lead by three in the second to lead 23-14 at the break.

The Cardinals came out firing in the second half scoring 19 in the third and holding the Indians to just 10. That gave the Cardinals a commanding 42-24 lead heading into the fourth, where they outscored Shattuck 17-11 to win 59-35.

Konner Hood led the Cardinals with 17, Rogelio Regelado added 5, Braydon Robinson and Aaron Kuns each scored 4, Francisco Regalado 3, and Cody Levens 2.

Turpin heads into the break 8-1 and ranked 17th in the state, and will look to have two key players back from football injuries in starter Keifer Hood and reserve post player Matt Mendoza.