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TURPIN — Forcing turnovers and turning them into transition baskets: it is what Turpin does well and was the main reason they defeated the Boise City Wildcats 57-33.

The Cardinals constantly harrassed Boise City who's team strength was the post, not ballhandling. This led to turnovers not only in the full court press Turpin applied most of the night, but also when the Wildcats set up their half-court offense.

"A lot of times the way we play it (zone defense) stuff looks open, but we've seen so many things out of that that it doesn't bother us and we can jump it and steal it and go the other way," said Wallace.

The Cardinals, who have been slow starters most of the season took an early broke the trend and took an 8-2 lead. Turpin then stretched it to 14-5 at the end of the first quarter. Braydon Robinson, who was the Cardinals top scorer with 16, had 8 in the first period.



Boise City size helped them claw back into the game by feeding the post on a 9-2 run that cut the Turpin lead to five with 5:35 left in the half.

Wallace had to sit Robinson for the final five minutes of the half after he picked up his third foul.

Turpin was able to extend the lead back to ten just before the half when Aaron Kuns got an offensive rebound and put-back with five seconds left.

Robinson scored the first six points of the second half for the Cardinals before being called for his fourth foul on an attempted backcourt steal with five minutes left in the third and the Cardinals leading 34-23. But Turpin turned it up a notch on defense to finish the third quarter, and held Boise City to only one basket and extended their lead to 19 heading into the fourth period to put the game out of reach.

Wallace was pleased with the way his team methodically dismantled the Wildcats.

"Our press did not get a lot of steals but it wore them down which I thought was a big key to the game," said Wallace. "Offensively, we did not shoot real well but our ball movement was good. We rebounded real well and got the ball to an outlet and beat them down the floor.

Led by Robinson's 16, nine different Cardinals scored including 10 from Keifer Hood, and 8 from Cody Levens.

the 14th ranked Cardinals are now 11-3 and will host No. 7 Texhoma this Friday.