

Eagles set sights on playoffs

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Football team moves to 5-1.

WAUNETA—Brady football coach Bob Frederickson knows better than to look past any opponent on the Eagles' schedule.

He also knows he has to plan ahead if he wants his team to be successful in the post-season.

That's why Frederickson viewed Friday's matchup against Wauneta-Palisade as a glorified scrimmage, allowing his team to work on new plays too risky to attempt during a heated battle.

Despite a wet field, the Eagles scored easily and often against the Broncos, moving to 5-1 on the season with a 52-8 victory.

"We knew Wauneta-Palisade was going to be down this year," Frederickson said. "It gave us a chance to try some things like kicking PATs and running a few new plays."

The Eagles scored their first points a minute and a half into the game on a 38-yard pass from Kyle Pohlman to Sawyer Burke.

The first PAT kick attempt by Pohlman failed but he did get two to go through the uprights later in the game.

After a team safety with 8:42 to play in the first quarter and a pair of touchdown runs by Brad Ward, the Eagles led 21-0 heading into the second period.

Burke broke a 39-yard scoring run on the first possession of the second quarter and Ward

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added another touchdown before halftime as the Eagles controlled the game 33-0.

In the third period, Dalton Riedel caught an 11-yard pass from Pohlman, who made the PAT kick, to put Brady up 40-0 and Ward added another scoring run at the 4:43 mark in the quarter.

Brady led 46-0 heading into the final stanza.

The Eagles found the endzone again with 3:15 left on the clock when Burke ran in from 3 yards out. The two-point conversion pass failed but Brady had an insurmountable 52-0 advantage in the closing minutes.

Wauneta-Palisade got on the board against the Eagle reserves with 1:33 to play but Brady still wasn't done.

Tyler Kleinow added a 55-yard scoring run with 43 seconds left.

Ward finished with 109 yards on 11 carries with four touchdowns. That gain moves the senior running back to 950 rushing yards on the season.

Pohlman was 6-of-9 passing for 91 yards.

"The biggest thing hurting us now is the lack of strength in our schedule," Frederickson said.

Although the Eagles tie Eustis-Farnam with the best record in D-2 District 9 at 5-1, Brady sits below both

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