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Wolves beat Brady 40-12.

When turnovers and penalties total more than points scored, it almost certainly spells doom for any football team.

Brady gave up six interceptions and seven untimely penalties Friday night in the Eagles' 40-12 loss to Loomis.

"We're getting better but we're not a good enough football team to overcome those kind of errors," said coach Darren Tobey. "Loomis had some big kids but I don't think we got beat physically. We simply were not mentally ready to play."

Tobey said when the team watched the film from Friday's game, he pointed out six mental errors in the first nine plays.

"Every kid knew exactly what he had done wrong," Tobey said, "so it's not like they don't know what to do. They just didn't get it done."

Loomis dominated in the first half putting four unanswered touchdowns on the board to lead 26-0 at halftime.

At the break, Tobey said the team made some defensive adjustments.

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“We moved kids around to put power on power,” Tobey said of a matchup between Brady senior Corbin Bledle, who weighs 245 at 5-11, and Loomis senior Dillon Carmichael weighing 300. “It seemed to work a lot better than sending the troops.”

The only time Loomis scored in the second half, Tobey said, was when Brady had mental breakdowns.

Brady finally got on the board in the third period when junior Brad Ward carried the ball in from 5 yards out with 7:43 to play in the quarter.

Scoring by quarters:				
Loomis.....	6	20	6	8-40
Brady.....	0	0	12	0-12

TEAM STATISTICS		Brady	
Passes.....		5	18-6
Passing yards.....		53	
Rushes yards.....		52	203
Total offense.....		105	203

BRADY			
RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Ave.
Brad Ward.....	26	123	4.7
Kyle Pohlman.....	19	50	2.6
Corbin Bledle.....	5	25	5.0
Mike Neuman.....	2	5	2.5
TOTALS.....	52	203	3.9

PASSING			
Op-Att.	Yds.	Int.	
Kyle Pohlman.....	5-14	20	6
Corbin Bledle.....	2-4	33	0
TOTALS.....	5-18	53	6

RECEIVING			
No.	Yds.	Ave.	
Dalton Riedel.....	2	30	15.0
Alvin Lunikwitz.....	2	15	7.5
Brad Ward.....	1	8	8.0
TOTALS.....	5	53	10.6

The Eagles scored again five minutes later on a 10-yard pass from Kyle Pohlman to Dalton Riedel. That was the last time they'd see the endzone.

Ward finished with 123 yards rushing on 26 carries.

“We did some really good things,” Tobey said. “I guess that’s probably why I get so frustrated with the mental stuff. You can’t take a step backward like that.”

The Eagles are 2-2 on the season and still lead the D2-8 district in power points, just ahead of Loomis, 3-1 on the year.

Brady travels to Maywood (2-2) on Friday for another district game. Tobey expects the Tigers to spread the field similar to the way Loomis did.

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“It should be a good battle,” he said. “It will be a good time for us to get on a roll, we just can’t beat ourselves.”