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Twice during the Sandhills Conference tournament at Brady last week, the Eagle boys had their opponent on the ropes.

And twice Brady was dealt disappointment as they walked away in defeat during the semi-finals against Sandhills/Thedford and the consolation against Cody-Kilgore.

"We're beating the teams we're supposed to beat," said coach Rich Britten. "What we need is a break-through game where we beat one of those teams we're not supposed to."

In the semi-finals on Thursday, Brady had Sandhills/Thedford players wondering what hit them.

Scoring went back and forth throughout the first three periods with Brady clinging to a slim lead after each.

The Eagles were up 37-36 heading into the fourth quarter and then watched as the advantage slipped away.

"Our rebounding seemed to fall apart in the fourth quarter," Britten said.

It seemed, he said, as if every time the Eagles put up a shot, a Knight came down with the rebound.

"And they didn't mess around. They scored quickly," Britten said.

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That scenario happened several consecutive trips down the court and before the Eagles could gather their composure again, Sandhills/Thedford had a 54-43 lead with two minutes to play.

“If we had played a little better in the fourth quarter we might have pulled it off,” Britten said.

Zach Mann and Tyler Egenberger hit long three-pointers during the final 40 seconds of the game but it wasn’t enough.

Egenberger led Brady with 17 points including five three-pointers. He also pulled down six rebounds.

Against Cody-Kilgore in the consolation Friday night, Britten said he was forced to substitute more than usual because several players were not feeling well.

“That kind of messes with your rhythm,” he said, “but we were still right there the whole game.”

Brady led 17-14 after the first period and dropped

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