

Eagles give Mustangs 24-point head start

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State playoffs still a possibility.

The Brady football team has fallen into a bad habit that the coach hopes to break immediately if not sooner.

The Eagles spotted Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 24 points—18 in the first period—before finally getting on the board in the third quarter.

“Get rid of the first quarter and we win the ball game,” said coach Darren Tobey.

Unfortunately, he added, four quarters make a game.

The Eagles made a valiant comeback effort but lost 32-20 to move to 4-3 on the year.

“Defensively I thought we played well but all of that gets overshadowed when you lose,” Tobey said. “We held them to 200 yards total offense. I think that’s a pretty good number.”

The Eagles were getting shut down offensively, Tobey said, but it wasn’t by SEM.

“Who stopped us? We stopped ourselves,” he said.

Turnovers and penalties ended a pair of long Eagle drives, leaving points on the field that

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should have been on the scoreboard, he said.

“It comes down to a mental game,” Tobey said. “You have to do your job right and do it right all the time.”

Brad Ward finished with 152 yards rushing on 33 attempts. The team had 220 total yards of offense.

Scoring by quarters				
SEM	18	0	14	0-32
Brady	0	0	0	14-20
TEAM STATISTICS				
Brady				
Passes	37	2		
Passing yards	29			
Rushing yards	59	191		
Total offense	220			
BRADY				
RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	
Brad Ward	33	152	4.6	
Kyle Pohlman	19	29	1.4	
Mike Neuman	3	15	5.0	
Curtis Blake	3	2	0.7	
Christian Anarburn	1	4	4.0	
TOTALS	59	191	3.2	
PASSING	Cpl.	Yds.	Int.	
Kyle Pohlman	0-4	0	2	
Curtis Blake	2-3	29	0	
TOTALS	2-7	29	0	
RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Kyle Pohlman	2	29	14.5	
TOTALS	2	29	14.5	

The loss does not knock the Eagles out of the state playoff picture. Tobey said getting in is still “a very real possibility.”

Brady hosts Anselmo-Merna Thursday in the final regular season game.

The Coyotes are 6-1 and remain unbeaten in the D2-8 district.

“We tend to play better against physical teams,” Tobey said. “It’s all going to come down to a solid start.”

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.