

## Eagles open season sweeping Maxwell

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The Brady volleyball team got the season off to a positive start with a three-set victory over Maxwell Thursday night.

The Eagles left little doubt as they handled the Wildcats 25-15, 25-11, 25-18.

“It was a good first game,” said coach Lynne Johnson. “We replaced the whole right side of our offense this year and I was really pleased with how it worked out. I think we’ll need to keep building on that.”

Johnson said one of the biggest unknowns for her team, though, was the setting after having to replace two-year floor general Maggie Burke.

“I knew Dakota (Terry) was capable,” Johnson said, “but I was a little leery because Dakota wasn’t sure she could do it.”

While she’s still learning all that goes along with the setter position, Johnson said Terry stepped in and held her own.

“We had several times when our offense was out of system,” the coach said, “but we still managed to make things happen.”

Unofficial stats include sophomore Josie Palmer with eight kills followed by Valerie Most with seven kills. Libero Carissa Rayburn recorded 12 digs.

Johnson said the Eagles will put a little more focus on defense this week as they head into a tough stretch of back-to-back matches.

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“We’ve switched things up a little bit on defense and the girls are still getting things into place,” she said.

The Eagles host Amherst in head-to-head action on Friday before traveling to the Seven Valleys Tournament at Callaway on Saturday. Brady plays Medicine Valley at 10:30 a.m. at the community center.

Then it’s back to the court on Tuesday for a triangular at Arnold against South Loup and Medicine Valley.

“When we face some tougher teams, we will see more things we need to work on,” Johnson said. “It’s kind of a work in progress.

Friday’s varsity game is scheduled to start at approximately 5:30 p.m.