

Volleyball team moves to 5-2 on the season

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With so many matches crammed into the first three weeks of the season, Brady volleyball coach Lynne Johnson said it's difficult for her to make position changes or refine offensive schemes.

"We know there are things we need to tweak a little bit but we just don't have the practice time to do it," the coach said.

But it's not like she's going to take drastic measures to do something different with her Eagle team. They've started the year with a 5-2 record.

"We're still getting used to things a little bit," Johnson said, "but the girls are really working hard."

Brady started off last week with a triangular at home against Stapleton-McPherson County and Paxton.

In the first match of the night, the Eagles handled SMC easily 25-11, 25-13.

"That wasn't our best game but we got the job done," Johnson said.

In the nightcap, Brady pushed Paxton, which is rated No. 9 in Class D-1 by the Omaha World-Herald, to three sets.

"Our timing between our setters and hitters was a little off," Johnson said. "We would out jump

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Paxton and beat them at the net but we had a hard time getting our hits down because a lot of the sets were too far off the net.”

It’s a little thing, the coach said, that will improve with repetition.

After taking the first set 25-23, the Eagles fell to the Tigers 25-13, 25-20 in their first loss of the season.

The Brady girls were able to redeem themselves Friday against Amherst, winning the head-to-head matchup in straight sets 25-5, 25-18, 25-12.

Then they went 2-1 at the Seven Valleys Tournament at Callaway on Saturday.

“The tournament was good for us because it was competitive games,” Johnson said.

The Eagles defeated Medicine Valley 25-18, 25-19 in the first round before falling to Twin Loup 13-25, 25-18, 25-15 in the semi-finals.

“We fell apart a little bit in the second set,” Johnson said. “We started playing safe and that doesn’t work for a team like ours.”

Brady finished off the day with a 25-18, 25-20 win over Mullen in the consolation game.

No statistics were available.

The Eagles will face Sumner-Eddyville-Miller on the road Friday followed by a much-needed

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week of practice.