

Eagles cruise past SEM for first victory

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SUMNER—The Eagles had to wait longer than football coach Andy Seamann wanted for their first taste of victory this fall but when it came Friday night, it was sweet and satisfying.

“The kids played well, really well,” Seamann said of Brady’s 56-12 road victory over Sumner-Eddyville-Miller.

Not only did the offense find success behind new blocking schemes that produced 263 yards rushing but defensively, the Eagles were in tune as well.

“We only missed two tackles the whole game,” Seamann said. “That’s outstanding. Brady hasn’t had that kind of game defensively since I came here.”

It helped, Seamann said, that SEM worked out of a limited number of offensive formations.

“I didn’t have to make many play calls on defense and the kids did a good job sticking to their assignments,” the coach said.

But maybe the biggest change Seamann saw in the Eagles this week was quick start. Brady scored on the Eagles’ first drive and kept pressure on the Mustangs all night.

Senior quarterback Zach Mann carried the Eagles, accounting for six touchdowns including three rushing, two throwing and one 60-yard interception return. He also added three two-point conversions.

Mann finished the night with 126 yards rushing on 14 carries and completed 15-of-20 passes for 163 yards.

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On defense, Mann picked off one interception and recorded seven tackles.

Troy Lusk and Josh Boon also picked up rushing touchdowns while Lusk, Kaleb Arteburn and Jon Taullie caught scoring passes.

The Eagles improve to 1-3 on the season.

“With injuries and lineup changes, we’re playing with five new starters from our first game at Maxwell to SEM,” Seamann said. “They’ve been playing together for a couple weeks now and things are looking better.”

Injuries and illness still plague the Eagles but Seamann is hoping the confidence from beating SEM will carry forward.

Brady travels to Medicine Valley on Friday to open D2-8 district play.

The Raiders are 3-0 on the year and tied with Wallace for the lead in the district. Medicine Valley is also rated No. 5 in Class D-2 by the Omaha World-Herald.

“Hopefully we can go to Medicine Valley and surprise a few people,” Seamann said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Curtis.