

Brady girls return plenty of experience

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With 10 returning letter winners who saw plenty of floor time during last season's 20-2 campaign, the Brady girls basketball team has loads of experience and depth.

It's assured scoring that coach Lance Arterburn will be anxious to see when the Eagles hit the court on Friday.

"We're going to win games and we're going to score points but right now we're just not quite sure where those points are going to come from," Arterburn said.

The three Brady girls who graduated last spring were scorers, rebounders and defensive leaders.

"Two of the three of them were pretty much a given to score in double digits every night," he said. "And the other one had a way of making any team look bad with her defense."

That's not to say the Eagles were left with little. There are six girls back who started at one point or another last year.

"I think we've been building for years on the shoestrings of those three girls who graduated last year," Arterburn said. "We're going to have a little different look now and we're going to score in different ways. I just think it's a matter of growing up a little in the game."

Brady could be a little more dominant in the paint this year, the coach said, with post players

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Josie Palmer, Dakota Terry and transfer Madison Elliott.

And defense will still rule the game as the Eagles work to create easy buckets with steals.

“We’re not as quick as we were the past couple years so we’re going to have to work a little harder at it,” Arterburn said.

That extra effort doesn’t mean Brady won’t continue to carry a target for opponents.

“When you beat most teams by 25 points or more, that doesn’t sit well,” Arterburn said. “We have 18 teams on our schedule who would love to beat us.”

The Eagles open the season on Friday at Wauneta-Palisade against an experienced Bronco team.

“They’ve had the same kids starting for a couple years now,” Arterburn said. “They’ll probably be one of the best opponents on our schedule.”

Brady will play at home on Dec. 7 with a tipoff time set for 6:30 p.m.

EAGLE GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Nov. 30—at Wauneta-Palisade, 6 p.m.	Jan. 12—at South Loup, 6 p.m.
Dec. 7—PAXTON, 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 17—at Mullen, 6 p.m.
Dec. 8—at Cody-Kilgore, 5 p.m.	Jan. 18—STAPLETON / MCPHERSON COUNTY, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11—SOUTHERN VALLEY, 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 22-25—Sandhills Conference Tournament at Dunnington
Dec. 14—HITCHCOCK COUNTY, 6 p.m.	Jan. 29—WALLASE, 9 p.m.
Dec. 15—at Loomis, 6 p.m.	Feb. 1—HYANNIS, 6 p.m.
Dec. 20-21—at Maxwell Boost-er Tournament	Feb. 2—MAXWELL, 6 p.m.
Dec. 28-29—BRADY HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT	Feb. 9—at Medicine Valley, 6 p.m.
Jan. 5—ARTHUR COUNTY, 4 p.m.	Feb. 11-12, 14—D2-9 sub-district at Gothenburg
Jan. 11—HAYES CENTER, 6 p.m.	Feb. 22—District final
	Feb. 28, March 1-2—State tournament at Lincoln

“Our goal is to get better each game,” Arterburn said. “We’ll get there, it just won’t be easy.”

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Members of the 2012-13 Brady girls basketball team are (*denotes letter winner):

SENIORS—Brittney Christophersen*, Molly Hannon*, Dakota Terry*.

JUNIORS—Madison Elliott*, Alexis Mann*, Valerie Most*, Jamie Norton, Carissa Rayburn*, Sydney Widick*.

SOPHOMORES—Brylea Clark, Autumn Hild*, Shaylin McClellan, Josie Palmer*.

FRESHMEN—Stephane Black, Jada Horn, Jenna Lusk, Bailey Maddox, Emilee Shaw.