

Eagle girls move up to No. 5

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Brady's girls jumped from their No. 9 pre-season ranking by the Omaha World-Herald to No. 5 in the first ratings of the regular season with a 10-1 record after winning the Brady Holiday Tournament and defeating Arthur County on Saturday 55-36.

"We shot well, especially in the second quarter," said coach Lance Arterburn. "Now we're starting to focus on maintaining that for the whole game."

The Wolves didn't put up much of a fight against the Eagles, who have battled a little illness and injury.

"They are definitely better than last year and they played hard," Arterburn said. "They just weren't able to keep up with us."

Brady cruised out to a 31-14 lead at halftime and never let up.

Junior Valerie Most was the high scorer for the Eagles with 12 points while senior Brittney Christophersen added 10.

The Eagles remain at the top of the power points determined by the Nebraska School Activities Association, although Arterburn said the next five teams have closed the gap this past week.

The Eagles will host Hayes Center (2-8) on Friday and travel to South Loup (2-8) on Saturday.

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“South Loup played us hard at Maxwell, although we were without a couple of girls,” Arterburn said. “Hopefully we’ll be back to full strength this time.”

Friday’s home game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.