

Brady boys move to 9-3 on the year

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Eagles face 10-4 Mullen on the road

The Brady boys are scoring plenty of points, averaging 56 for the past weekend, but to their coach, it's the boys' defense that is really standing out.

"When you hold a team to two points in a quarter, your chances of winning a game are pretty good," said Brady boys basketball coach David Jacobs.

The Eagles allowed only two points in the second quarter by Hayes Center on Friday as they held a 25-9 lead at halftime and went on to defeat the Cardinals 53-34.

The next night at Arnold, the Eagles gave up only two points to South Loup in the second quarter and held the Bobcats to 10 points for the half.

Brady defeated South Loup 59-43 to improve to 9-3 on the season.

"We're playing pretty well right now, regardless of opponent," Jacobs said. "When we find a suspect ball handler, the kids key on that person and create a bunch of turnovers."

The Eagles quickness also helps, as Jacobs said many of the players can close a passing lane in the blink of an eye.

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Senior Zach Mann, the team's leading scorer, poured in 27 points against the Cardinals and then led the way again against the Bobcats with 17.

What Jacobs likes, though, is that the rest of the team is filling in with balance.

At Arnold, two other Eagles were in double figures with Troy Lusk scoring 13 points and Bryley Roper adding 10. Another three players combined for 19 points.

"Teams aren't going to just be able to shut down Zach and think they can beat us anymore," the coach said. "We've learned that from earlier games."

Brady will have a tough test at Mullen on Thursday. The Broncos are 10-4 with several solid players, Jacobs said.

Then the Eagles are at home on Friday to host Stapleton-McPherson County, which upset Brady in the Maxwell holiday tournament.

"I'm looking forward to the week," Jacobs said. "It would be nice to go on the road and get a big win at Mullen and then come home Friday and get a little revenge."

Tipoff Friday nigh is set for 7:45 p.m.