The 12-1 Brady girls have mostly breezed through their season, falling only to Class C-2 Southern Valley early in the year.

That doesn't mean the Eagles haven't been tested, said coach Lance Arterburn.

A five-point victory over Loomis and a win by two over Crawford with free throws at the end of the game were big challenges.

But what the Eagles face on Thursday at Mullen (13-1) might be the biggest test yet, the coach said.

"Mullen is very athletic and they handle the ball well," Arterburn said. "They are also very physical, which can cause some problems for us."

The Eagles like to play physical defense but Arterburn said the girls also tend to find themselves in foul trouble quickly.

"We won't be able to press them as much as we usually do because they are awfully quick," he said. "We're going to need to score more out of our half-court offense and make the most of every possession we get."

Tipoff for Thursday's game at Mullen is set for approximately 6 p.m.

The Eagles return home on Friday to face Stapleton-McPherson County (6-5) with start time set for 6:30 p.m.

Brady notched another pair of wins last week beating Hayes Center 67-44 at home on Friday and defeating South Loup 60-37 on the road.

Against Hayes Center, the Cardinals had no answer for Eagle sophomore Josie Palmer, who had 27 points, 17 rebounds and six steals to lead Brady.

Dakota Terry added 12 points.

At South Loup, the Eagles were a little more balanced with Terry leading the way at 12 points and Molly Hannon chipping in 10, followed by several girls in the six to eight point range.

Still ranked by the Omaha World-Herald at No. 5, the Eagles have dropped from the top position in the Nebraska School Activities Association's power points to seventh.

"That's why we need to just keep winning," Arterburn said.