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Mullen got the best of the Brady boys during regular-season action on Thursday when the Eagles suffered a 44-37 loss on the road.

Coach David Jacobs hopes a neutral site will help Brady turn the tables on the Broncos this week in the Sandhills Conference tournament at Dunning.

“There were several lead changes throughout the game,” Jacobs said of Brady’s matchup with Mullen. “The score was tied 37-37 with about two minutes to go.”

But things didn’t go Brady’s way in those last couple of minutes and the Broncos pulled out the win.

“I’m sure it was a fun game to watch but it wasn’t a fun game to lose,” Jacobs said.

Senior Zach Mann led the Eagles in scoring with 19 points. Mullen had three in double figures, led by Riley Rice with 17.

“They’re big, strong, athletic kids,” Jacobs said, “and Mullen is a really tough place to play. Hopefully on a neutral court, we can turn things around.”

After easily handling Hyannis 61-36 in the first round of the conference tournament, the Eagles advance to face Mullen again in the semi-finals at approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday in Dunning.

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Should they win, the championship game is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at Dunning. A loss would send the Eagles to the consolation at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

The other side of the SHC bracket includes Stapleton-McPherson County.

Brady managed to avenge an earlier loss to SMC with a 52-43 overtime victory at home on Friday.

The score was tied 39-39 at the end of regulation and Brady dominated the overtime.

Mann had 33 points to lead the Eagles, who are now 11-4 on the season.