

Three straight wins take Eagles to 14-6

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Brady's boys basketball team recovered from a pair of disappointing losses in the Sandhills Conference tournament by managing three wins in three home games last week to improve their record to 14-6 on the season.

The Eagles held off a fourth-quarter comeback effort by Wallace to defeat the Wildcats 62-55 on Jan. 29.

"Wallace is a decent team but I felt like we were in control most of the game," said Eagle coach David Jacobs.

Seniors Zach Mann and Bryley Roper teamed up for 24 and 17 points, respectively.

Back-to-back Friday and Saturday opponents, Hyannis and Maxwell, are both struggling this year, Jacobs said.

"The hard thing about playing teams like that, especially this time of year, is that you can fall back into some bad habits," Jacobs said. "I was proud of the kids for coming out with great intensity from the start and not giving either team a chance to get back in the game."

Brady jumped out to a 21-8 lead over Hyannis in the first quarter of Friday's game and cruised to a 53-31 victory.

Mann led the way with 19 points and 15 rebounds while Cole Viter added 10 points.

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On Saturday, Maxwell didn't let the Eagles get completely out of reach until the third quarter when the Wildcats managed only four points.

Brady defeated the rival Wildcats 53-31. Mann was again the top Eagle scorer with 24 points. Roper pitched in 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Brady will travel to Curtis to take on Medicine Valley on Friday.

Jacobs said the 9-8 Raiders have a talented leader in Lucas Gleisberg.

"That kid could probably beat you by himself if you let him," the coach said. "I think we match up with them well but we're going into their place so it's going to be a tough game."

Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday.