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CURTIS—It didn't come easy and Brady boys basketball coach David Jacobs knew it wouldn't.

The Eagles struggled in the first half against Medicine Valley on the road Friday night, falling behind by as many as nine points, before mounting a second-half comeback and holding on for a 69-63 victory.

"Med Valley is no slouch," Jacobs said. "We were at their place, it was senior night and their emotions were running high. We feel pretty fortunate to come away with a win."

Brady trailed 20-13 at the end of the first quarter before the Eagles could get rolling.

At halftime, the Raiders had a 34-32 advantage that quickly disappeared in the third period as the Eagles went up 50-45 heading into the final frame.

Jacobs said midway through the fourth quarter, his boys had a comfortable lead that diminished little by little.

"We had a few bad possessions," the coach said. "We went into a delay with about two minutes to go and had to make our free throws to stay ahead."

Medicine Valley fouled to stop the clock and Brady went 11-of-15 from the line in the fourth period.

"Our free throw shooting has been up and down throughout the season," Jacobs said. "We made what we needed to."

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Four Eagles scored in double figures, led by senior Zach Mann with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Fellow senior Cole Viter added 13 with sophomore Troy Lusk chipping in 13 and senior Michael Neiman offering 10.

The Eagles move to 15-6 on the year as they finish out the regular season at Sandhills/Theford (18-4) on Friday.

Sub-district play begins Tuesday for Brady with the Eagles facing Anselmo-Merna at 7:15 p.m. in Gothenburg.

The winner will play again at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 for the chance to advance.

“I feel really good about our chances,” Jacobs said. “That will be a tough win but this time of year, every game is.”