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Eagles fall to 0-2.

A week into the season, Brady's boys are still trying to find the right combination of players to produce a win.

"I think the ability is there," said Eagle coach Rich Britten, "but we still need to work on the chemistry."

Brady started the season 0-2 over the weekend with a 67-35 loss to a young but salty Paxton team and a 58-51 fall to Cody-Kilgore.

In Paxton on Friday, the Eagles struggled to score in the first quarter, putting only a free throw on the board.

"I think we were a little rusty," Britten said. "Paxton had already played a couple of games."

Brady's defensive effort was solid early, the coach said, but as frustration offensively mounted, the defense followed.

"We just couldn't find much success on offense," Britten said. "I sure thought we would have been better against their man-to-man defense."

As it was, though, the Eagles were just 12-of-44 from the field for 27%.

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BRADYS					BRADYS								
BRADY	FG	FT	PF	Rb	PT	BRADY	FG	FT	PF	Rb	PT		
C. Arterburn	1-8	1-2	4	0	3	C. Arterburn	4-9	1-2	1	2	11		
C. Blede	5-6	4-4	2	4	12	C. Blede	2-6	2-2	3	2	7		
E. Callahan	1-1	0-0	1	4	2	E. Callahan	0-0	0-0	1	0	0		
S. Frenell	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	S. Frenell	1-1	0-0	0	0	3		
T. Egenberger	1-4	1-2	1	1	3	T. Egenberger	2-2	0-0	0	3	5		
A. Lunkwitz	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	N. Montoya	1-1	0-0	1	1	2		
N. Montoya	0-1	1-2	2	4	1	K. Pohlman	4-8	4-4	2	3	14		
K. Pohlman	5-10	0-0	3	4	11	D. Poll	2-3	1-2	2	3	5		
D. Poll	1-3	1-2	3	1	3	B. Ward	2-3	0-2	5	6	4		
B. Ward	0-2	0-2	2	2	0	TOTALS	18-50	8-12	15	20	51		
TOTALS	12-44	8-14	20	22	35	Three pointers	Brady, Corbin Blede, 1; Christian Arterburn, 1.	Shawn Frenell, 1; T. Egenberger, 1.	Field goals	Brady, 18-50, 55%; Cody-Kilgore, 20-50, 40%.	Free throws	Brady, 8-12, 67%; Cody-Kilgore, 8-12, 67%.	
Three pointers	Brady, Corbin Blede, 1; Christian Arterburn, 1.	Field goals	Brady, 12-44, 27%; Paxton, 20-50, 40%.	Free throws	Brady, 8-14, 57%; Paxton, 9-21, 52%.	Fouls	Brady, 20; Paxton, 11.	Rebounds	Brady, 6 offensive, 17 defensive, 23 total; Paxton, 25 total.	Turnovers	Brady, 15; Paxton, 10.	Scoring by quarters	Brady, 1 10 15 9-35; Paxton, 5 21 20 21-67.

Senior Corbin Blede was the leading scorer for Brady with 12 points followed closely by junior Kyle Pohlman with 11.

Scoring came around Saturday night once the first-game jitters were gone.

The Eagles came out strong in the first period and out scored Cody-Kilgore 8-5. They stayed close throughout the first half, trailing 21-20 at the break.

“Then we had our usual third quarter let-down,” Britten said. “I think that’s a carry-over from football season and that’s something we’re certainly going to have to address.”

The Eagles fell behind 45-31 at the end of the third period before mounting a comeback effort in the fourth quarter.

Excitement mounted as Brady inched closer with several well-timed three-point shots but the endeavor fell short in the end.

Pohlman finished with 14 points and Christian Arterburn added 11.

The Eagles’ shooting improved to 55% from the field and 67% from the line.

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This week the Eagles travel to Trenton to face a 2-3 Hitchcock County team before hosting 2-2 Loomis on Saturday.

“Neither team has had great success so far,” Britten said. “I feel like if we remedy a few things, we should do just fine.”