

Brady boys split weekend

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Eagles defeat Falcons, fall to Wolves.

The Brady boys found the right combination of balanced scoring and stingy defense to get their first win of the season last week.

Eight Eagles put points on the board to lead Brady past Hitchcock County on the road Thursday 62-46.

“We finally got some well-rounded scoring,” said coach Rich Britten.

The Eagles opened with a pair of three-pointers from junior Kyle Pohlman, who finished with four long shots and 18 points on the night.

Brady led 19-15 after one quarter and went up 32-19 at halftime holding Hitchcock County to just four second period points.

“We did well against their 2-3 zone,” Britten said of the Falcon defense. “When they switched to man-to-man in the second half, we didn’t handle the ball as well.”

The Falcons matched Brady’s scoring in the third period and made a run in the fourth.

Britten said thankfully, the free throws were falling in the final period.

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The Eagles were 9-of-19 from the charity stripe, most of them coming in the final minutes of the game.

BRADY 62					LOOMIS 70						
HITCHCOCK COUNTY 46					BRADY 46						
BRADY	FG	FT	REB	PT	BRADY	FG	FT	REB	PT		
C. Arterburn	2-10	2-8	1	11	7	C. Arterburn	3-9	0-0	2	1	7
C. Bledsoe	2-5	1-1	2	2	4	C. Bledsoe	3-5	0-0	2	2	6
E. Callahan	2-3	0-1	1	3	4	E. Callahan	0-2	0-0	1	3	0
S. Finnell	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	S. Finnell	1-6	0-0	0	2	3
T. Egenberger	2-4	2-3	2	2	7	T. Egenberger	2-4	0-0	0	4	6
N. Montoya	2-5	1-3	2	5	5	A. Luskowicz	1-2	0-0	0	1	2
K. Polman	0-9	2-3	1	4	18	N. Montoya	2-6	0-0	1	4	4
D. Pohl	4-7	0-0	0	6	8	K. Polman	4-7	0-0	0	3	8
D. Riedel	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	D. Pohl	3-3	0-0	3	6	6
B. Ward	3-8	1-3	1	11	7	D. Riedel	1-2	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS	23-54	9-19	10	45	62	B. Ward	1-4	0-0	2	4	2
Three-pointers: Brady, Kyle Polman, 4; Christian Arterburn, 1; Tyler Egenberger, 1; Curtin Bledsoe, 1; Hitchcock County, 5.					Three-pointers: Brady, Curtin Bledsoe, 2; Tyler Egenberger, 2; Christian Arterburn, 1; Shawn Finnell, 1; Loomis, 6.						
Field goals: Brady, 23-54, 42%; Hitchcock County, 18-58, 31%.					Field goals: Brady, 19-50, 40%; Loomis, 30-72, 42%.						
Free throws: Brady, 9-19, 47%; Hitchcock County, 5-9, 56%.					Free throws: Brady, 0-0; Loomis, 4-11, 36%.						
Fouls: Brady, 10; Hitchcock County, 21.					Fouls: Brady, 11; Loomis, 10.						
Rebounds: Brady, 10 offensive, 35 defensive, 45 total.					Rebounds: Brady, 7 offensive, 23 defensive, 30 total; Loomis, 38 total.						
Turnovers: Brady, 30; Loomis, 10.					Turnovers: Brady, 30; Loomis, 10.						
Scoring by quarters: Brady.....19 13 16 14-62 Hitchcock Co.....15 4 16 11-46					Scoring by quarters: Loomis.....12 22 21 15-70 Brady.....10 12 14 10-46						

Christian Arterburn and Brad Ward pulled down 11 rebounds each to help Brady's total of 45 boards.

The table was turned for the Eagles on Saturday, though, as Loomis forced Brady to shoot from the outside and used full-court pressure to control the game.

The Wolves downed the Eagles 70-46.

"We didn't play very aggressively on offense," Britten said. "We got some three-pointers to fall but we didn't shoot a single free throw."

That means the Eagles weren't heading into the paint enough, he said.

"We have guys who can shoot from just about anywhere," Britten said, "but their height was keeping us from getting inside at all."

With Dillon Carmichael at 6-foot-5 in the center and players 6-foot and taller around him, the Eagles worked from the perimeter.

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Brady stayed with the Wolves in the first quarter, trailing 12-10 after one period. The Eagles were behind 34-22 at halftime.

“When Loomis jacked up the pressure, we didn’t handle it very well,” Britten said.

Brady committed 36 turnovers in the game, a number Britten said he hopes to never see again.

“You’ve got to take care of the ball if you want to give yourselves a chance,” he said. “And you have to get to the free throw line.”

Pohlman led Brady with eight points and Arterburn added seven.

In the first round of the Maxwell Booster Tournament Monday, Brady fell to Arnold 53-41 to face Stapleton/McPherson County in the consolation game Tuesday evening.

The Eagles will host their own holiday tournament Monday and Tuesday.

Brady (1-4) opens with Paxton (4-2) at 4 p.m. Monday while Wauneta-Palisade (3-1) faces Anselmo-Merna (3-3) at 1 p.m.

The boys consolation will be 1 p.m. Tuesday with the championship at 4 p.m.