

Eagles soar past Maxwell in opener

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16-point deficit overcome in fourth quarter.

Brady scored 30 points in the fourth quarter to take down Maxwell at home last Friday, 36-22.

Momentum caused by Maxwell mistakes propelled Brady into the lead.

An 11-yard run by Trevor Mann into the endzone, capped with a two-point conversion tied the game, 22-22 with just under a minute left.

Strong defense forced a would-be punt attempt but on a low snap, Maxwell punter downed it on their own nine yard line.

Mann again took the ball into the endzone, and threw to Troy Lusk for the two-point conversion and Brady led again, 29-22

The game was in the Eagle defense's hands and they didn't let it go.

With 16 seconds left, Jon Taullie intercepted a pass from Taylor McKeeman and returned it to the house, extending the lead to 36-22 after the conversion, ending the monumental comeback.

For most of the game, Brady struggled to gain any momentum against the Wildcats.

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A first quarter touchdown was called back because of a holding penalty, and two consecutive fumbles in the third quarter spotted Maxwell 16 points.

The Eagles bounced back in the fourth quarter en route to victory over the Wildcats.

“In the first half we had some missed opportunities,” head coach Andy Seamann said. “We were moving the ball easily on offense but had too many turnovers.”

The lone first half touchdown was run in by Mann, putting the Eagles ahead, 6-0, before halftime.

Mann ran the ball 19 times for 83 yards and three touchdowns.

“Running the ball well is in the game plan each game, Seamann said. “The play calling should be balanced, but depending on what the defense gives us, we have to adjust.”

With nine minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Eagles trailed 22-6 before forcing three fumbles in a row to get back in the game.

“Some of the kids had their heads down, but we banded together down the stretch,” Seamann said.

The team motto this year is “Last play,” and that’s what the team did, competed to the end, he said.

Junior Cody Warren carried the load for the Eagles rushing for 135 yards on 18 carries.

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Mann also completed 16 of 24 passes for 173 yards during the win.

Brady scored 30 unanswered points in the fourth quarter moving to 1-0 heading into its second game against Bertrand, (0-0)

Seamann said, even though the Vikings lost a bunch of seniors off its undefeated regular season team last year, they will still be good and fast.

He said this week Bertrand has more overall speed than Maxwell and will rush the ball a lot.

Seamann said it feels good starting the season off with a win.

“It was a great confidence builder beating Maxwell, and being healthy to start the year,” Seamann said. “Despite the win, there are things we need to work on and the kids know it.”

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