

Brady adjusts game plan after opening match loss

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Brady experimented with multiple lineups but only one worked in its three-set loss to Maxwell Thursday.

Head coach Lynne Johnson said the team will go back to where the girls are comfortable playing.

“I tried some different lineups and that caused us to commit unforced errors,” Johnson said. “We couldn’t get a rhythm with one another.”

On top of receiving Maxwell’s hard serves, Brady caught the Wildcats on the wrong night, Johnson said.

“They played almost flawless against us and we didn’t have anyone step up early,” Johnson said.

She said with a game under their belt, the Eagles can focus on weaknesses and getting back to what they do well.

Freshman Tara Callahan is going back to middle where her 6-1 frame can cause problems. Valerie Most, who was four of five on hit attempts will roam the outside, Johnson said.

“Valerie is lethal out there and she’s comfortable playing that position,” Johnson said. “She will be tough to stop out there.”

Alexis Mann set for the first time Johnson said and she committed two errors in 29 attempts.

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Off those assists, Madison Elliot led the team with 5 kills followed by Most with four, Callahan with three and Mann, Josie Palmer and Autumn Hild each with two kills.

This match gave Johnson an idea of where girls should be playing and we can move forward from the loss, she said.

The Eagles will travel to Amherst Friday and to Callaway Saturday.

Johnson said the key over these next four games is focusing on serve receive. The team worked on that the last couple days.

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