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Brady was one set away from winning all six matches it played in last week.

Head coach Lynne Johnson said the finals match of the Seven Valleys Tournament against Ansley/Litchfield was a great game to watch even though the Eagles lost the match 2-1.

In the first match of the morning, Brady took down Anselmo-Merna 25-11, 25-11.

“That wasn’t a very difficult game for us,” Johnson said. “We did a lot of serving. When our serving is on, we are strong in that area.”

The Eagles had four girls record an ace in the match, led by Madison Elliott with five. Sydney Widick added four and Alexis Mann had 3.

Johnson said that game was a good one to start the day with.

Brady continued its successful play against a quality Sandhills/Theford team defeating them 25-21, 25-22 in the semifinals.

“Those were good, close games against a good team,” Johnson said.

Sandhills/Theford had only dropped one game before playing Brady, Johnson said.

The Eagles used a balanced attack from their hitters as each girl had around five hits.

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“We have the ability to spread the ball around and the defense isn’t able to only focus on one girl,” Johnson said. “Our setters are spreading the ball around and that’s what we will continue to do to be successful.”

Johnson said the girls like playing against good competition because that is what they expect to play each game.

“The balls are hit harder, and the focus on details is higher,” Johnson said. “It all goes back to playing each opponent like they are the best.”

Brady faced a 5th ranked Ansley-Litchfield team that had only surrendered one loss early in the season and it would stay that way.

The Eagles lost in three sets 25-22, 23-25 and 25-23.

In the second set of the match, Brady came back from a nine-point deficit, and captured momentum for the final game.

“That game was all about rotation matchups and who would use the momentum,” Johnson said.

She said during the entire match reacting to being tight and lose at different times was the deciding factor.

“I think they were more mentally tough than us in that last game,” Johnson said.

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