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Brady falls to 1-7 after 55-47 loss to Mullen.

Brady boys basketball coach Rich Britten found himself watching the clock during the fourth quarter of Saturday night's game with Mullen, wishing the seconds could tick a little faster.

As it was, though, time passed as usual and the Broncos used that to their advantage to beat Brady 55-47.

"We played pretty well in the first half," Britten said, "even into the third quarter."

But when Mullen turned up the pressure with a trapping defense, the turnover bug bit Brady and things fell apart for the Eagles.

Brady started out in the hole, trailing Mullen 12-3 before the three-point shots began to fall and the Eagles tied the score 12-12 at the end of the first quarter.

With an up-tempo approach in the first half, Britten said the Eagles were able to match Mullen's power.

At halftime, Brady led 30-25.

The Eagles pushed ahead by as many as 10, leading 35-25 with five minutes to play in the third quarter. Then the momentum switched.

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“Fortunately in the first half, our shots were falling,” Britten said. “We weren’t so lucky in the second half.”

Britten said as Mullen collectively increased pressure, Brady’s boys became flustered, throwing the ball away.

After three periods, Brady trailed 40-39.

“We didn’t box out well, especially in the second half,” Britten said. “They were getting three, sometimes four, chances at the basket and you just can’t let that happen.”

Mullen finished with 34 total rebounds compared to Brady’s 19.

“That’s a big discrepancy,” the coach said.

Three Eagles scored in double figures. Corbin Blede led with 17 points including five three-pointers. Kyle Pohlman added 14 and Tyler Egenberger chipped in 10.

Brady moves to 1-7 on the season after a 66-35 loss to Wauneta-Palisade in the consolation round of the Brady Holiday Tournament.

The Eagles travel to Arthur County on Saturday to face the 5-1 Wolves.

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“Hopefully we can continue to improve,” Britten said.

MULLEN 55.
BRADY 47

	FG	FT	FF	Rb	PF
C. Artibarni.....	1-8	2-2	4	1	4
C. Biode.....	5-9	2-2	2	4	17
E. Callahan.....	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
S. Finelli.....	0-1	0-0	1	1	0
T. Egenberger.....	3-6	2-2	2	1	10
M. Montoya.....	0-2	0-0	1	1	0
K. Pohlman.....	6-11	0-0	1	3	14
D. Riedel.....	1-2	0-0	0	1	2
B. Werd.....	0-2	0-0	4	6	0
TOTALS.....	10-40	6-6	10	19	47

Three-pointers: Brady, Corbin Biode,
5. Kyle Pohlman, 2. Tyler Egenberger, 2.
Field goals: Brady, 15-43, 37%; Mullen,
22-52, 42%.
Free throws: Brady, 6-4, 100%; Mullen,
9-21, 43%.
Fouls: Brady, 16; Mullen, 11.
Rebounds: Brady, 6 offensive, 13
defensive, 19 total; Mullen, 16 offensive,
18 defensive, 34 total.
Turnovers: Brady, 24; Mullen 14.
Scoring by quarter:
Mullen.....12 13 13 17--55
Brady.....12 18 9 8--47