

Eagles beat SMC in Maxwell tourney championship, 66-31

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Brady advances to 7-1 on the season

The Eagles used an overpowering scoring attack with four girls scoring in double digits and stingy defense to take down Stapleton/McPherson County 66-31 in the championship of the Maxwell Booster Tournament Saturday.

Head coach Lance Arterburn said he was more than pleased with the girl's effort throughout the two days as the Eagles scored 130 points.

"You can't really ask for more than that in two games," Arterburn said. "We had a couple different girls score Saturday that maybe scored less on Friday night which made us tough to defend."

Brady put up 17 points in the first quarter only allowing nine which set the tone for the remainder of the contest.

One thing Brady talked about before the game was continuing to play well on offense while tightening up the team's defense.

Once again, the Eagle press caused problems for their opponent as it forced SMC to turn the ball over leading to more easy baskets and a big run in the second quarter.

Leading at halftime 35-14 Arterburn said the press was key to the team's scoring and the win.

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Valerie Most came up big in the Eagles' press Arterburn said, collecting 10 steals that contributed to break-away scores for Brady.

"We scored on each of the 10 steals by Valerie," Arterburn said.

The scoring pace didn't slow in the second half.

Brady punched in 18 more points in the third quarter to lead 53-20 and scored 13 more in the fourth while SMC scored 17 second half points.

Arterburn said his girls have played well up to this point in the season. He said he feels like the girls' experience is great.



"These girls have been together for a while and they are very talented," Arterburn said. "For a small school we go fairly deep into our bench. It's a nice luxury to have."

Scoring by quarters:

SMC 95611—31

Brady. 17181813—66

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EAGLE SCORERS: Tara Callahan 14, Valerie Most 13, Autumn Hild 12, Madison Elliott 10, Josie Palmer 6, Alexis Mann 6, Jamie Norton 3, Sydney Widick 2.

Brady pounces on Cats

The Eagles opened the Maxwell Booster Club Tournament with a 64-43 victory over the host Wildcats.

The Eagles used a balanced offensive attack as eight girls scored against Maxwell and an aggressive zone defense for much of the first half that caused Wildcat turnovers that resulted in Brady baskets.

“We got our press doing good things for us early and made easy baskets off of that,” head coach Lance Arterburn said.

“We haven’t been making some of those easy shots in previous games and we shot well coming off of break.”

Brady jumped out to a 13-7 lead in the first quarter scoring on a couple turnovers and second chance baskets by Madison Elliott and Josie Palmer but the turning point in the game was the second quarter.

Steals by Brady fueled a 17-4 run in the second quarter that put the Eagles up 34-14 at the half.

“The girls shot pretty well off the break and caused some turnovers in that second quarter,” Arterburn said.

Maxwell outscored the Eagles 14-12 in the third quarter but Brady didn’t surrender its 18-point

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Brady put up 18 points in the final frame and cruised to a win.

Arterburn said the girls continue to please him with their ability to focus on one game at a time and make sure the team is ready against whoever it is they play.

Leading scorers for Brady were Madison Elliott with 11 points and Alexis Mann with 10.

Scoring by quarters:

Brady 13211218—64

Maxwell. 771415—43

EAGLE SCORERS: Madison Elliott 11, Alexis Mann 10, Valerie Most 9, Carissa Rayburn 9, Josie Palmer 9, Autumn Hild 8, Tara Callahan 4, Sydney Widick 2, Jamie Norton 2.

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