

## Brady boys split tourney games

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The Brady boys beat Eustis-Farnam 49-46 Friday to earn a spot in the championship game of the Brady Holiday Tournament Saturday but placed second after a 60-35 loss to Anselmo-Merna.

### Eagles outlast the Knights

It took some time for both offenses to get going but at the end of the game, it would come down to free throws for Brady in its 49-46 victory on Friday.

Eustis-Farnam managed a 10-6 lead after the first quarter in which five Knights scored.

Brady rallied to pull within a point at halftime, 15-14.

“It seemed like both teams were feeling each other’s strategies out in the beginning,” head coach Dave Jacobs said. “You could tell they thought it was a game they could win and so did we.”

Opening the third quarter both the Eagles and the Knights scored more easily. Brady posted 16 points in the period, including a three-minute 9-0 run to lead 30-27.

During the break, Jacobs said the guys planned to establish themselves as a better team.

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“We knew if we could put together a good third quarter we could finish with a win,” Jacobs said.

Even with the lead and being at home, a win for Brady didn't come easy.

The outcome was decided in the final minute.

The Knights, trailing by one, 47-46, called a timeout with eight seconds left, a turning point in the contest.

Eustis-Farnam was out of timeouts and a technical foul call put Brady's Troy Lusk on the line for two shots. He made one and the Eagles led 48-46.

After the free throws, Brady was awarded possession because of the technical. The ball was inbounded to Chase Viter who also knocked down one of two to extend the lead to three with less than five seconds remaining.

A travel by Eustis-Farnam gave Brady possession before time expired.

Although the Eagles won the game, Jacobs says they had things they could've done better.

“We didn't capitalize as well as we should have,” Jacobs said. “In the end I guess we did what we had to do to get the win.”

He added that the Knights were ready to play and their 1-7 record isn't indicative of how good they are.

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Nate Sitorius led the Eagles with 22 points while Lusk chipped in 17.

Scoring by quarters:

Eustis-Farnam 1051120—46

Brady 681619—49

EAGLE SCORERS: Nate Sitorius 22, Troy Lusk 17, Austin Widick 6, Chase Viter 2, Dayne Porter 2.

Brady loses championship

The Brady defense had a hard time stopping Anselmo-Merna's Trent Geiser early and often.

Geiser exploded for 16 of his 28 points in the first quarter as the Coyotes beat the Eagles 60-35 in Saturday's championship game of the Brady Holiday Tournament.

Head coach Dave Jacobs said it is never a good sign when a team gives up 20 points in the first quarter.

"Defensively, we needed to get off to a better start in that game," he said.

The Coyotes continued to fire on all cylinders scoring 19 more points before halftime while holding Brady to seven.

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“We slowed them down a little in the second half with man pressure on defense,” Jacobs said. “We should probably have played more of that earlier.”

Defensively, Anselmo-Merna contained scoring efforts well, Jacob said.

“They did a little bit of everything on defense and kept us out of rhythm,” he said.

In the third quarter, both teams scored in double digits, but Brady’s deficit got larger heading into the final period.

“They had a balanced ball club all the way around and they were quick,” Jacobs said.

He thinks his team can grow from a loss to a good team like that.

“Hopefully we can use the loss to grow,” Jacobs said. “More importantly I’d like to see our confidence go up. If the boys get some confidence we can win some games.”

Brady was led in scoring by Nate Sitorius with 22 points.

Scoring by quarters:

Brady 11-7-11-6—35

Anselmo-Merna 20-19-15-6—60

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