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The Medicine Valley Raiders witnessed Brady's defensive pressure first hand Friday as the Eagles forced 20 turnovers and limited the Raiders to five second-half points.

The Brady girls had little problem converting those possessions into baskets early and often in their 65-24 victory.

Carissa Rayburn paced the Eagles with a pair of three-point buckets in the first quarter while the defense was anchored by Josie Palmer's three blocked shots. Brady led 24-13.

"Carissa got the girls off to a good start hitting those shots," head coach Lance Arterburn said. "When someone makes shots to start the game we relax and play better."

Brady's potent offense continued into the second period when Valerie Most and Rayburn connected on outside shots with five minutes remaining in the middle of an 11-6 run. Palmer finished the run and the half with a layin to give Brady a 37-19 lead at intermission.

Although the girls led by 18, Arterburn said he wasn't as pleased with the Eagles defensive effort in the first half.

"We were leaving the middle of our press open at times," he said. "We changed our press some in the third quarter but we have to do a better job."

After an early timeout in the third period, Brady took a 14-point lead to 35 points by the end of the stanza.

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“Our defense was much better. That is how we have to play in future games,” Arterburn said. “We didn’t lose our girls on defensive and we were aggressive.”

With a comfortable lead, the Eagles called off the dogs and got some reserves some quality minutes. The Eagles limited Medicine Valley to three points in the final frame while racking up nine of their own.

“It was good to get those girls some game experience so they are more relaxed when they get in bigger games this season and next season,” Arterburn said.

High scorer for the Eagles was Valerie Most with 13 points.

Scoring by quarters:

Med. Valley. 13623—24

Brady 2413199—65

EAGLE SCORING: Valerie Most 13, Carissa Rayburn 11, Madison Elliott 10, Autumn Hild 8, Tara Callahan 8, Alexis Mann 5, Josie Palmer 5, Jenna Lusk 2, Sydney Widick 2, Karnee Hatch 1.

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