Sitorius and Lusk combine for 43 points in subdistrict win.

Three minutes ticked away before the Brady boys scored a point against Maxwell Monday.

Once the Eagles got on the scoreboard, however, the Wildcats had a tough time slowing down Brady's offense. The Eagles came away with a 63-47 win in the first round of the D1-11 subdistrict tournament.

Head coach Dave Jacobs said the kids may have been nervous at the start of the contest which led to a slow start offensively.

"We talked before the game that if they had nervous energy to burn it on the defensive end," Jacobs said. "If you aren't playing well offensively crank up your defense."

At 3:40 remaining in the first quarter, Brady turned up the pressure.

Maxwell had surged to an 8-1 lead before Troy Lusk made back-to-back baskets off consecutive Maxwell turnovers. Brady's zone defense forced outside shots or stole errant Wildcat passes.

To end the first quarter, Brady scored on seven straight possessions while holding Maxwell scoreless for nearly five minutes.

The Wildcats did score twice before the period ended but Brady led 15-12.

After ending the opening quarter on a 14-4 run, Jacobs said he told his players to continue playing aggressive defense.

That success didn't continue, though, as Maxwell responded with an 8-0 run of its own in the second quarter.

The Wildcats scored on four consecutive possessions during a three-minute scoring drought by the Eagles.

Brady turned around and limited the Maxwell offense to one basket the next three minutes while tying the game at 25-25 after an Alex TroBaugh field goal.

As time wound down in the first half Nate Sitorius grabbed an offensive rebound and put up a 13-foot fade-away jumper that tickled the twine as the buzzer sounded giving the Eagles a 27-25 advantage at the half.

"That was a big shot by him," Jacobs said. "Making that shot at the buzzer was a huge momentum boost and we felt good in the locker room."

At the break, Jacobs said he told his players that running their offense would win the game.

“They couldn’t be unsure and not run something and win,” he said.

Both teams started the second half stagnant offensively but Brady crept ahead with a 10-0 run over three minutes to give the Eagles a 41-35 lead after two Maxwell baskets near the end of the third.

With a six-point lead heading into the final frame Brady saved its best effort for the last 2:30.

After trading baskets the Eagles led 53-44 with more than two minutes remaining in regulation.

Brady outscored the Wildcats 9-2 in the closing minutes to defeat its rival Maxwell.

“For me it’s a fun rivalry,” Jacobs said. “They have good kids that played hard but our guys played hard too.”

Nate Sitorius led the Eagles offensively scoring 26 points on 12-16 shooting. Lusk chipped in with 17 points.

Scoring by quarters:

Maxwell 12131012—47

Brady 15121422—63

EAGLE SCORING: Nate Sitorius 26, Troy Lusk 17, Dayne Porter 5, Austin Widick 5, Chase Viter 4, Brant May 4, Alec TroBaugh 2.

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