

Boys notch another victory

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Chemistry comes together at Hyannis.

This time of year, every basketball team wants to be clicking.

The Eagle boys have sputtered at best this season with a 3-14 record and only two regular-season games remaining.

But coach Rich Britten thinks the chemistry of the team may have finally fallen into place, and not a moment too soon.

“We’re looking for any kind of momentum we can get,” Britten said.

The Eagles fell 67-62 in yet another heart breaker—the fourth this year—to Wallace (2-13) on Feb. 2.

“We played well offensively,” Britten said. “I was a little disappointed in our defense because we couldn’t get the stops on defense we needed to have.”

Brady led 34-32 at halftime and then fell behind in the third quarter.

“We fought our way back into it but just couldn’t close,” Britten said. “The opportunities were there. We had a chance to tie at the end and didn’t get it done.”

Tyler Egenberger led the Eagles in scoring with 21. He also had a team-high seven rebounds.

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Christian Arterburn added 13 points.

“I just don’t believe we’re as bad as our record looks,” Britten said. “I’m sure Wallace and Hyannis feel the same way.”

In the early minutes of Brady’s game at Hyannis (1-12) on Friday, Britten said he felt again like things weren’t going the Eagles’ way.

“We overplayed some of their mistakes,” he said, “and it cost us. We let them hang around for quite awhile. It only takes couple of mistakes and that can turn ugly in a hurry.”

But it didn’t. The Eagles soundly defeated the Longhorns 58-40.

Brady led Hyannis 11-10 after one period and went ahead 23-18 at halftime.

Teamwork paired with aggressive play in the second half, Britten said, is what brought about the win.

“Now I hope we can keep things going,” he said. “We’ve still got plenty of basketball left to play.”

Egenberger was again the team leader with 23 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Corbin Bledsoe had seven points and Brad Ward pulled down seven rebounds.

The Eagles host Medicine Valley (5-11) on Friday for parents night and finish the regular season with a home game against Sandhills-Thedford on Feb. 19.

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“We really want to finish strong,” Britten said.