Losing streak up to 20.

HYANNIS—It's been a long dry spell for the Brady football team.

After spotting Hyannis a pair of touchdowns and two point-after conversions in the first seven minutes of the game Friday night, Brady battled back with 22 unanswered points through the third quarter.

Sideline fans had high hopes of the Eagles ending a 19-game losing streak.

Then the tide turned. What went right for the Eagles in the first three periods of play didn't go so well in the fourth quarter.

Hyannis put 22 points on the board in the fourth to beat Brady 44-28.

"I think we may have had some first-game jitters early," said Brady coach Darren Tobey. "When we settled down, we did OK."

Actually, he said, they did better than just OK. They did just what they were supposed to do.

"We held Hyannis out from five minutes into the game until well into the third quarter," Tobey said.

At the same time, the offensive scheme was working.

Mike Nieman, Kyle Pohlman, Christian Arterburn and Corbin Blede all scored rushing touchdowns over the first three quarters.

"I don't know the last time we scored like that," Tobey said. "And I couldn't tell you the last time we went into halftime with a lead."

Up 22-16 at halftime, the Eagles held their own during the third quarter, giving up one scoring drive right before the final period.

Then Tobey said he believes fear crept in.

"It was almost like they looked at the scoreboard and said, 'Oh no. It's tied in the fourth quarter. Now I can't make a mistake,'" he said.

Scoring by quarters:

Brady	6	16	0	6—28
Hyannis	16	0	6	22—44

TEAM STATISTICS

	Brady
Passes	1-7-2
Passing yards	34
Rushes,yards	37-159
Total offense	193

BRADY

RUSHING	Att.	Yds.	Ave.
Brad Ward	14	64	4.6
Kyle Pohlman	13	38	2.9
Mike Nieman	3	21	7.0
Corbin Blede	3	21	7.0
Christian Arterburn	4	15	3.8
TOTALS	37	159	4.3

PASSING	Cp-At.	Yds.	Int.
Corbin Blede	1-3	34	1
Kyle Pohlman	0-4	0	1
TOTALS	1-7	34	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Ave.
Alvin Lunkwitz	1	34	34.0
TOTALS	1	34	34.0

That's when the boys started playing not to lose.

"Instead of staying aggressive we got a little hesitant," Tobey said. "It's a mental thing now, not physical. We stopped ourselves."

Brad Ward led the Eagles with 64 yards rushing on 14 carries. Alvin Lunkwitz caught one pass for 34 yards.

The Eagles (0-1) travel to Tryon Thursday for a 4:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Stapleton/McPherson County Cyclones are 1-0 on the year with a 50-20 victory over Maywood.