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It's time for the Brady volleyball team to turn up the intensity, coach Lynne Johnson says, and time for the girls to prove they're worthy of a No. 6 Class D-2 state ranking.

The Eagles have a 17-2 record, losing only to D-2's No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams Ansley and Wallace.

"We're going to have to turn it up a notch," Johnson said after the Eagles easily defeated Arthur County (1-9) Monday night 25-13, 25-18, 25-16. "Our opponents haven't been as tough the last couple of weeks and we've been playing down to that competition."

With Wallace on the schedule in head-to-head action again on Friday, Johnson is looking for ways to turn up her team's heat.

"The girls know what they have ahead of them," Johnson said, "and they know they are capable of playing with anybody. We've just got to go out on the floor and prove it."

The past two weeks of competition have not been a big help in moving the Eagles forward, the coach said.

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Since losing a close match to Wallace the last week of September, the Eagles cruised to wins over Medicine Valley, Maywood and Wauneta-Palisade before Monday night's game.

The home triangular on Oct. 5 left the Eagles with a 25-9, 25-19 victory over Maywood and a 25-9, 25-15 win over Medicine Valley.

On Friday, Brady beat Wauneta-Palisade 25-22, 25-21, 25-15.

"It's funny," Johnson said, "we seem to struggle a little bit more against teams that have that unorthodox kind of play when the ball goes weird places and it's not hit as hard."

So when the Eagles take on the 16-0 Wildcats on the road this week and then open the Sandhills Conference tournament Tuesday, they're going to have to be a little more focused, the coach said.

"We're going to be playing a little harder in practice and putting them in more competition situations," Johnson said. "From now till the end of our season, we don't have any

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