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WALLACE—Brady's defense contained two of Class D-2's quickest running backs Friday night and poured out 487 total offensive yards to beat Wallace 54-22 and move to 6-1 on the season.

It's the kind of performance coach Bob Frederickson has come to expect from his players despite a long string of years without much success.

"This is not the old Brady team," Frederickson said. "We're no longer satisfied to simply make the playoffs. We want to host the first round and we want to go out and prove that we can play with anybody."

It took the Eagles a little longer to get rolling Friday night than it has in past weeks but once Brady scored on a 34-yard run by senior Brad Ward with 6:29 to play in the first quarter, the Eagles were on a roll.

Brady put 24 points on the board in the second period on two short scoring runs by Ward and a 10-yard run by senior quarterback Kyle Pohlman.

Brady led 32-16 at halftime.

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“Kyle has kind of been our unsung hero all season,” Frederickson said. “Total offense, he’s averaging almost as many yards per game as Brad, he just does it in a quiet way.”

Pohlman hit Christian Arterburn with a 34-yard touchdown pass four minutes into the second half. In addition to four regular pass completions, he had three successful two-point conversion passes.

“I think a lot of times people don’t realize his contribution to the team because it’s overshadowed by Brad’s,” Frederickson said.

Leading 46-22 heading into the final quarter, Ward added a pair of touchdowns to the score.

Ward finished with 288 rushing yards for a total of 1,238 on the season with one regular-season game and playoffs left.

“And he hasn’t even played a full seven games because we’ve pulled our starters out,” Frederickson said.

Now the Eagles focus on Hayes Center which comes to town Thursday with a 3-4 record.

The Cardinals are disciplined and will play hard, Frederickson said, but they don’t have the power of last year’s D-2 state runner-up team.

“They’re a physical team but they don’t have the dominant linemen or the dominant back field they’ve had in the past,” Frederickson said.

Despite their record, the coach believes the Eagles will have to

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