PALISADE—It took the Brady girls basketball team about half of the game Friday night to get in sync.

When the Eagles found their rhythm, though, they were off and running to a 51-39 victory over Wauneta-Palisade in the season opener.

“We really didn’t play very well in the first half,” said coach Lance Arterburn. “We struggled to put the ball in the hole.”

Full-court pressure produced plenty of turnovers early but the Eagles couldn’t convert many to points in the first half.

Brady led 14-11 after the first quarter and trailed 26-25 at halftime.

Even in the third quarter when the Eagles kicked their defense up another notch, the girls struggled to score.

Brady trailed 32-31 heading into the fourth period but poured in 20 points in the final stanza to pull away.

“It’s a good thing we were making some layups late in the game because we weren’t hitting many other shots,” Arterburn said. “We’ll keep working on our shooting but I know we’re never going to shoot lights out. That’s why our defense has to be so good.”

Junior Courtney Widick led the way for Brady with 21 points. Jessica Schrad and Megan Polt added

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