Boys have rough night shooting.

The Brady boys attempted plenty of shots Friday night against Paxton.

In fact, the Eagles had 52 attempts, more tries than during many games all season last year.

"We just couldn't get enough of them to go in," said coach Rich Britten.

The Brady boys made 15-of-52 field goal attempts and hit just 1-of-18 three-pointers as the Tigers defeated the Eagles 50-40.

"I don't know if we've ever gone 1-of-18 on three-pointers," Britten said. "During our shoot-around Friday morning, the kids couldn't miss and then we get to the game and we struggled to hit the hoop."

Paxton pushed the score early and finished the first quarter with an 11-7 lead.

Britten said the Eagle defense forced the Tigers to work for their offensive opportunities but solid shooting kept Paxton in the lead.

At halftime, the Tigers were up 27-15 and heading into the fourth quarter Paxton led 40-28.

"It wasn't that we were taking poor shots," Britten said. "They were there and they were good choices. We just couldn't get them to fall."

The Eagles edged their way back into the game during the final period, cutting the lead to six points with a minute and a half to play.

"We might have cut it to just three or four points if we'd have pulled down a rebound," Britten said. "But instead we allowed an offensive rebound and let them score. Then we had to foul to stop the clock."

Paxton was 13-of-17 from the line overall for 77% free throw shooting while Brady hit 9-of-14 for 64%.

"We were right there if we hadn't

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