Five games into the basketball season, Brady coach Lance Arterburn feels good about his girls' 4-1 record.

He's not satisfied, though, and he hopes the Eagles aren't either.

"We have some darned good athletes," Arterburn said. "We just need to do a little better job of taking control and staying in control."

The Eagles started a four-game stretch on Friday night when they hosted a talented Hitchcock County team.

"I think that was actually our best game so far," Arterburn said, despite the 51-49 loss. "We did a better job of taking care of the ball and we had fewer turnovers."

The Eagles simply couldn't get ahead and stay ahead of the 5-2 Falcons.

Brady trailed Hitchcock County 18-13 after the first quarter and were down 32-27 at halftime.

The Eagles out-scored the Falcons 12-6 to slip ahead 39-38 heading into the final frame and it was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way.

“I thought we did the things we needed to do to win the ball game,” Arterburn said. “But we didn’t finish when we needed to. It came down to free throws.”

Brady was 4-of-10 from the line while Hitchcock County hit 8-of-9 free throws.

Megan Polt led the Eagles with 15 points. Jessica Schrad and Maggie Burke had seven rebounds each.

The Eagle girls bounced back, somewhat slowly, on Saturday to take a 38-36 nail-biter at Loomis.

“We played very out of control at Loomis,” Arterburn said.

Physical defense led to early foul trouble as the Wolves held a 17-14 advantage at halftime.

Free throws at the end of the third period put Brady up 31-28. Each team was forced to fight for points in the fourth quarter.

“We didn’t finish when we could have,” Arterburn said. “It shouldn’t have been close.”

With less than a minute to play, Loomis senior Britta Bergman hit a pair of free throws to close the gap to 36-35 with Brady leading.

Loomis was forced to foul a couple of times to stop the clock down the stretch. In the double bonus, Polt hit

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