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Most tournament championship games provide memorable moments for basketball teams and coaches.

The girls title game of the Brady Holiday Tournament last week was an exception.

That's one contest Eagle coach Lance Arterburn would rather forget.

Not the whole game against Wauneta-Palisade, actually. Just the fourth quarter.

"It was our worst quarter of the year," Arterburn said.

After battling back and forth the entire game, the Broncos took the lead on a three-pointer by Bethany Riener as the buzzer sounded to end the third period.

Wauneta-Palisade tightened down its 2-3 zone defense in the fourth quarter to eliminate any Brady shots in the paint and the Broncos cruised to a 58-47 victory.

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“In the last 3:30 of the game, we only shot the ball twice,” Arterburn said. “I think the girls were a little afraid to make a mistake down the stretch.”

The shot percentage—42% overall—wasn’t bad at all, the coach said. There just weren’t enough attempts.

Too few shots and getting out-rebounded for the first time this season led to the Eagles’ demise, Arterburn said.

“We knew they would be aggressive on the boards and they took it to us,” he said. “When you’re not shooting much to begin with and then you give up a bunch of rebounds, your chances of winning keep going down.”

On the flip side, Arterburn said the girls gave up

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