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Brady boys basketball coach Rich Britten wonders what the outcome of the championship game at the Brady Holiday Tournament could have been last week had his Eagles not spotted Wauneta-Palisade 15 points in the first quarter.

Brady made a bold comeback, cutting the Broncos' lead of as many as 20 points to seven with five minutes to play in the game but the Eagles couldn't hold the momentum.

The Broncos remained unbeaten and took home the title with a 67-54 victory.

"We played much better against them this time," Britten said, referring to Brady's 65-44 loss to Wauneta-Palisade in the season opener. "I think some good things came out of this tournament."

Wauneta-Palisade rolled out to a 7-0 lead in the first period before Sawyer Burke got the Eagles on the board with a lay-up.

The Broncos made another seven-point run to add distance between the teams.

At the end of the first quarter, Wauneta-Palisade led 25-10 and the Broncos headed into halftime with a 36-24 advantage.

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“We tried playing man-to-man and put more pressure on their top two guys,” Britten said of Bronco standouts Drew Harris and Chris Bartels. “We wanted to force them to shoot from the outside and still it seemed like everything they threw up went in.”

Brady cut the Bronco lead to eight points at 38-30 with five minutes to go in the third quarter and knocked Wauneta-Palisade’s margin to 58-51 at the four-minute mark in the game but the Eagles simply couldn’t overcome the state-ranked opponent.

Senior Kyle Pohlman led the Eagles with 14 points and Burke added 11.

“We play a killer schedule,” Britten said. “We have five losses and four of them were to state-ranked teams.”

Wauneta-Palisade is listed at No. 3 in this week’s Omaha World-Herald Class D-2 ratings. Loomis and Paxton are also in the top 10 at No. 7 and No. 9 respectively.

“We’ve been right there in every game,” Britten said, “And when you add up the points for the season, we are only three points behind

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