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Last-second bucket takes Eagles back to Lincoln.

WALLACE—Dakota Terry’s eyes were open when she caught the inbounds pass from Megan Polt with 1.7 seconds left in Friday night’s D2-5 district final basketball game.

She admits they weren’t open, though, when she put up a jump shot from the top of the key that fell through the hoop to give the Eagles a dramatic 49-47 win over Wauneta-Palisade and a return trip to the state tournament.

“I couldn’t look,” the 5-foot-8 sophomore said after the game.

But her eyes and her mouth were wide open with astonishment when the buzzer sounded and the crowd rushed the floor.

“I’m in shock,” she said. “I still can’t believe it went in.”

Things didn’t start well for Brady as the Broncos took a 14-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

“We couldn’t get (Bethany) Reiner stopped,” said Eagle coach Lance Arterburn.

The Bronco senior scored 12 of her 20 points in the first period.

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In the second quarter, Brady settled into a box-and-one defense with Megan Polt on Reiner and it helped slow Wauneta-Palisade.

Brady led 20-16 at halftime.

But it was just a couple of minutes of the game that Arterburn said will be etched in his mind forever.

With exactly two minutes left on the clock, Brady trailed Wauneta-Palisade 44-35. Arterburn called a timeout.

“I saw tears,” he said. “I just kept telling them over and over in that minute that the game was not over and we weren’t done playing yet.”

Just seconds after the Eagles left the huddle, junior guard Courtney Widick bombed a three-pointer.

A foul sent Jenae Bischoff to the line for the Broncos and she hit one of two to put the score at 45-38.

Then Maggie Burke sank a short jumper on the next possession and Widick followed up with another three to close the gap to 45-43.

Fouling to stop the clock, Brady sent the Broncos to the line twice more.

With 20 seconds to play, Wauneta-Palisade led 47-45.

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Brady hurried the ball up the court and a perfect pass from Burke to Jessica Schrad inside the lane tied the score 47-47 with 4.9 seconds to play.

Wauneta-Palisade called a timeout and Arterburn told his girls again they had to believe.

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