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The Brady girls basketball team is averaging 62 points a game and winning by roughly 39 points every time they step on the court.

The Eagles matched those winning margins during their home holiday tournament last week, defeating Crawford in the first round 64-21 and beating Wauneta-Palisade in the championship 56-17.

“We allowed only 38 points in two nights,” said coach Lance Arterburn. “I’d say that’s pretty good defense.”

Much of the Eagles’ offensive success comes from their defensive pressure, the coach said.

“We rely on our pressure to create steals for easy buckets,” he said.

There were plenty of those against both the Rams and Broncos last week.

“We work to wear the other team down,” Arterburn said, explaining that strong depth on his bench allows for lots of substitutions. “We just keep running and running and usually there’s nothing the other team can do to stop it.”

While the beginning of the game is important to the players and coaches, Arterburn said the Eagles have put extra emphasis on the third quarter.

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“Not too many teams get much done in the third quarter,” Arterburn said. “Only once this season has a team scored in double digits on us in the third.”

That’s the Hitchcock County game, a loss Arterburn said he’d like to have back.



“They’re a great team but we’ve learned a few things since then,” the coach said.

Meanwhile, the Eagles keep working to improve at practice where second- and third-string players challenge starters every day.

“Thank goodness for our depth,” Arterburn said. “I think our second five players could beat most of the teams we’ve played all by themselves.”

That depth is a luxury but also presents a challenge, he said.

“I worry a little bit because my starters have only played one complete game,” he said. “Otherwise, they’re sitting most of the second and fourth quarters. One of these games, we’re going to need that experience.”

The Eagles will travel to Arthur County on Saturday. The Wolves are 2-4 on the season.

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There will be no junior varsity game with tipoff of the varsity matchup at 4 p.m.