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Knights defeat Eagle boys

Brady sank another last-second shot against the Sandhills/Theford Knights Friday night but this time it wasn't enough to pull off the buzzer-beater win.

After trailing by as many as 11 points in the third quarter, the Eagles clawed their way back against a tough Sandhills/Theford team but it wasn't enough to protect the perfect home stand this year as the Knights walked away with a 49-45 victory.

The Eagles hadn't lost at home since last basketball season, going undefeated on their own turf during football as well.

The loss didn't sit well with the players or the coach.

"You hate to lose one and give up that perfect home stand," Jacobs said. "I guess if we had to lose it was better than this week."

Brady rolled out to a 12-8 lead after the first quarter but went cold shooting in the second period.

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“Usually we have somebody who can hit a shot when we really need one but that just wasn’t happening,” the coach said. “I know Sawyer (Burke) and Tyler (Egenberger) were both hurting and that certainly affects your shot.”

Both Burke and Egenberger have leg injuries that slowed them Friday night.

Jacobs also said he wishes now he would have switched to a man-to-man defense earlier in the game.

“We went to it late in the fourth quarter,” he said. “I liked how we were controlling the scoring and it makes you more active on defense.”

Zach Mann led Brady with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Burke was the next high scorer with nine points and 10 rebounds.

The Eagles move to 17-3 on the season and retain their No. 7 state rating by the Omaha World-Herald as they begin this week’s D2-9 sub-district action.

Brady faced Eustis-Farnam (1-18) on Tuesday while Sumner-Eddyville-Miller played Anselmo-Merna in the other half of the bracket.

Both games were too late for this week’s edition of The Times. Look for full coverage in the next issue.

The winners will play at 7 p.m. Thursday at Cozad for the right to advance.