

Eagles give Amherst head start

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Brady falls to 0-3 after loss

Slow starts have plagued the Brady football team every week so far this season.

Friday night's game with Amherst was no different.

"They scored on their first two drives of the game," said coach Andy Seamann. "We have a tendency to let teams get a jump on us and that doesn't work with the kind of inexperience we have."

Amherst gained a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter and held onto that advantage until Brady scored early in the second period.

After putting together a drive that included several pass completions, senior quarterback Zach Mann ran the ball into the endzone from the 4 yard line for a touchdown.

Mann held onto the ball again for the two-point conversion to pull the Eagles within six points, trailing 14-6.

The Broncos didn't let it stay close for too long, scoring again before halftime to take a 20-8 advantage into the locker room.

"It seemed like we were so hit and miss," Seamann said. "Sometimes our passing game would work well and other times the running game was clicking but we couldn't manage to get it all together at the same time."

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Neither team scored in the third period but Amherst wasn't finished.

The Broncos put two more touchdowns and one two-point conversion on the board in the final stanza.

Brady managed one more with reserves on the field when sophomore Trevor Mann pushed in on a quarterback sneak late in the game.

The two-point conversion failed.

Mann finished the game with 56 yards rushing on 21 carries along with 9-of-31 pass completions for 107 yards.

He was also the leading tackler with 11.

Seamann said fans will see some changes on the field this week when the Eagles travel to Sumner-Eddyville-Miller for Friday night's game.

"It's been three games and we're not getting the job done," the coach said. "To me, that means there needs to be some changes."

Seamann said there are likely to be a few personnel in different spots but the blocking schemes are likely to be new as well.

"We're just going to have to have some kids step up," he said. "The kids have played hard. I'll give them that. But football is as much a mental game as it is physical and we have got to cut down on the mental errors."

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Like Brady, SEM has a new coach this year and returns only a couple of starters from last year's team that beat Brady in the first round of the state playoffs.

"We are both searching for our first win," Seamann said. "I want to leave there with a win so we can head into district play with a little confidence."

The game is set to kick off at 7 p.m.