

Brady girls remain unbeaten

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Neither the Paxton Tigers nor the Cody-Kilgore Cowboys presented much of a challenge for the undefeated Brady girls over the weekend.

The Eagles defeated Paxton 53-32 at home on Friday night and hammered Cody-Kilgore 53-21 on the road Saturday.

“Those are difficult games,” said Brady coach Lance Arterburn, “especially considering some of the opponents we have ahead of us.”

But both contests allowed the Eagles to experiment with some half-court plays and a new press.

Brady opened Friday’s game with Paxton on a 15-1 run in the first quarter, finishing the period up 16-7 and then leading 32-17 at halftime.

Arterburn did not deviate from his five-at-a-time substitution as he used every girl in uniform.

Sophomore Josie Palmer scored 18 points to lead Brady with senior Dakota Terry pitching in with 12 points.

A similar situation came about at Cody the next day.

Leading 12-5 at the end of the first quarter, Arterburn said Brady’s game at Cody was the first time in his career of coaching that he pulled back the reigns and told the girls not to fast break.

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“It was tough on them because that’s how they like to play but it did give us a chance to really work on our half-court plays,” he said.

After a 27-10 advantage at halftime, the Eagles allowed only 11 Cowboy points in the second half.

Palmer was again the leading scorer with 10 points while Valerie Most offered nine, Terry had eight and Carissa Rayburn chipped in seven.

“We’ve had pretty good balance in our scoring,” Arterburn said.

The Eagles move to 3-0 on the season and will host 4-1 Hitchcock County on Friday.

Arterburn said the Falcons are the only regular-season team he has not earned a victory over as a coach and the only team his group of high school girls has never beaten.

“They won’t be holding anything back,” Arterburn said of his Eagles.

Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. Friday.

Then Brady will travel to Loomis to face the unbeaten Wolves Saturday.

The Eagles and Wolves will battle for a D2-9 sub-district title later in the season.

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“You hate to get beat by a sub-district opponent,” Arterburn said. “It will be a big game.”

Saturday’s start time at Loomis is also 6 p.m.