

Eagle girls record marred by C-2 team

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Brady's girls basketball team continues to roll, just as it has for the past two seasons, with only one blemish on the record provided by a Class C-2 team.

The Eagles hit this week's Maxwell Booster Tournament with a 5-1 record after falling to Southern Valley 47-40 last week.

That was a game coach Lance Arterburn would like to have back after leading or tying most of the 32 minutes.

"We were focused on stopping (McKenzie) Nielsen," he said, "and then (Mikaela) Hosmeier ends up hitting 4-of-7 three-pointers."

Southern Valley sank seven three-point shots, four from the end of the third quarter through the fourth.

At the same time, Brady managed only 2-of-9 free throws.

Sophomore Josie Palmer led Brady in scoring with 13 points. Senior Dakota Terry added nine.

The Eagles came back on Friday to handily defeat 5-2 Hitchcock County 59-38.

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The Falcons were low on players due to illness, Arterburn said, and the Eagles simply wore them down.

All 10 Eagles put points on the board, led by junior Madison Elliott with 10. Palmer added nine while Terry and senior Molly Hannon had eight each.

“When you’ve got all 10 of your girls scoring, odds are pretty good you’re going to win,” Arterburn said.

The Eagles also won on Saturday, handing the Loomis Wolves their first loss of the year 55-40.

“That was probably our best game so far,” the coach said. “We had four kids in double figures with one of our starters out sick.”

The Loomis game got interesting, Arterburn said, in the fourth quarter when the Wolves made a couple of runs after Palmer and Terry fouled out.

“What I really liked is the girls didn’t panic,” he said.

Senior Brittney Christophersen led the Eagles in scoring, along with Palmer. They had 11 points each. Elliott and junior Carissa Rayburn offered 10 points apiece.

A problem area for Brady continues to be free throws, Arterburn said. The Eagles made 6-of-20 against Hitchcock County and only 6-of-28 against Loomis.

“That’s something we’re going to have to fix if we’re going to win the big games down the road,” the coach said.

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Brady will face South Loup (2-4) in the first round of the Maxwell tournament at 3 p.m. Thursday. The tournament championship is set for approximately 6 p.m. on Friday.

Brady then hosts a holiday tournament Dec. 28-29. The Eagles play Wauneta-Palisade (4-3) in the first round at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 29.