

Brady takes second after loss to Broncos

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Brady got off to a great start in its own invite beating Stapleton/McPherson County in straight sets, 25-8, 25-14.

Head coach Lynne Johnson said for a morning game her girls did a good job taking care of business.

The Eagles gained control of the first set early and put the Cyclones away without much of a struggle.

In the second set, Brady again jumped out to a 12-1 lead but SMC fought back within five.

Six aces by Carissa Rayburn in the match helped the Eagles roll over the Cyclones advancing to the semifinals.

In the second match of the day, Brady took down a Mullen team that capitalized on serving errors in the first set.

“In that first set we missed a lot of serves,” Johnson said. “It was more than usual for our girls.”

Brady won the set 25-20.

In the second set the Eagles came from behind to beat Mullen 25-13.

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Valerie Most and Tara Callahan led Brady with four kills and four aces a piece, while Alexis Mann collected six set assists.

The Eagles advanced to the championship game against Wauneta-Palisade.

“We knew that we had to play hard and that they were a good team,” Johnson said.

Wauneta-Palisade took the first set 25-20.

Johnson said lack of precise passing was the achilles heel for Brady.

“We didn’t pass very well in that game which is surprising,” Johnson said. “Our back row players usually don’t have trouble getting the ball to our setters.”

In the second set Brady continued to struggle with passing, which had an affect on the entire offense.



“Our precision on both passing and setting was off and that is big,” Johnson said. “If those two things are off, the hitting isn’t going to be precise or aggressive.”

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The Broncos won the set 25-17, the match and the invite championship.

“If we both played well, it would’ve been a fun game to watch,” Johnson said

Callahan led the team with six kills followed by Most with five.

Madison Elliot added five digs.

The Eagles travel to play Wallace at 5:30 p.m Friday.

“We will continue to prepare and work on our passing and serving,” Johnson said.

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