

Brady girls focused on one game at a time

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The Brady Eagles girls' basketball team is coming off three consecutive 20-win seasons and has seven returning letter winners to make a run at a fourth.

As noted, with experience on the roster, wins won't be the hardest thing to come by, head coach Lance Arterburn said, staying focused on what makes the wins possible will be.

"Our goal as a staff and team is to focus on the little things," Arterburn said. "If we make sure and do those, we will become the best team we can be."

In the early weeks of practice, the Brady coach has noticed a different attitude in both the older and younger girls, he said.

There are some young girls that are working hard to help us and the older girls have shown a great work ethic, Arterburn said.

"They understand what we want to do and they are working hard to get to that point," he said.

Once again, getting wins shouldn't be a problem for the Eagles as they return two all-conference selections in Valerie Most and Josie Palmer. Those two lead a team of girls who each have the ability to score and draw attention, Arterburn said.

Last season Brady had multiple games where every girl that played scored and several where four players scored double-figures, he added.

With previous success, and the positive potential of Brady's upcoming season, Arterburn said

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he is making sure that the girls stay in check and don't look past an opponent.

"We do not want to lose focus and overlook somebody," Arterburn said. "This season will be taken one game at a time and each game we will focus on getting better."

The Eagles made the Sandhills Conference tournament championship last year and look to repeat that trip but will have to go through some tough teams, Arterburn said.

"Sandhills-Thedford will be tough to beat," Arterburn said. "They have a set of twins that are six-feet tall and their guards are good too."

Adding to the mix is Mullen who is always near the top of the conference standings.

Before conference play, a team that demands all of the Eagles' attention is the Wauneta-Palisade Broncos who have become a district rival in the last couple years, Arterburn said.

"Our bunch of girls and their bunch of girls have been playing against each other for three years," Arterburn said. "These girls all know each other and have seen one another on average three times a year."

The Broncos will challenge the Eagles immediately in the season opener Friday in Brady.

"It will be a great ball game. They are one of our biggest challenges this season, and we play them right off the bat."

Members of the 2013-14 girl's basketball team are (*denotes returning letterwinners:

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Seniors—Madison Elliott*, Alexis Mann*, Valerie Most*, Jamie Norton, Carissa Rayburn*, and Sydney Widick*.

Juniors—Brylea Clark, Autumn Hild* and Josie Palmer*.

Sophomore—Stephanne Black, Jada Horn, Jenna Lusk and Emilee Shaw.

Freshmen—Tara Callahan, Hannah DeStefano, Karnee Hatch, Micheala Jurgens, Jessica Most, Joya Most, Emilee Shaw and Shyla Stearns.

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