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Hot shooting in the second half by South Loup led to Brady's 51-39 defeat in the championship game of the Maxwell Booster Club Tournament Saturday.

Head coach Dave Jacobs said the Eagles competed against a tough team. Both teams scored more in the final two quarters than they did in the first half and Brady didn't keep up.

Brady was outscored 12-4 in the first quarter but turned around and scored 10 points to South Loup's five to only trail 17-14 before the break.

"We played good defense on them in both quarters," Jacobs said. "I was happy with the way we played heading into the (second) half."

The Eagles came out of the half in a 1-3-1 defense but South Loup made quick adjustments and scored 21 points to lead 38-31.

"The change worked for a little bit, but they made some adjustments to our counter," Jacobs said.

Being down seven heading into the fourth quarter Jacobs was forced to play man defense and South Loup started hitting three-point shots, Jacobs said.

Brady was outscored 13-8 in the final frame before being defeated by 12.

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The Eagles, now 3-4 on the season have played some quality teams this season and Jacobs said the boys will continue to work on their game.

“We have to keep trying to concentrate on getting ourselves ready to play,” Jacobs said. “These guys have been working hard in practice and I expect them to keep working hard.”

He added that if the boys continue to give that effort against quality teams they will win more games this season.

Scoring by quarters:

South Loup 1252113—51

Brady. 410178—39

EAGLE SCORERS: Nate Sitorius 17, Troy Lusk 12, Chase Viter 4, Austin Widick 4, Dayne Porter 2.

Lusk propels Eagles

The Eagles received a season high 23 points from junior Troy Lusk in their 51-43 first round win over Maxwell Friday.

Lusk scored the first five points of the game and Brady used that momentum to outscored the Wildcats in three of the four quarters of the game.

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Head coach Dave Jacobs said he feels the win over Maxwell was one of the better games his team has played this season.

“Each quarter we scored consistently and our defense was good. Both things you like to see as a coach,” Jacobs said.

Three baskets by Lusk and Chase Viter’s 15-foot jumper before the end of the quarter gave Brady a 9-5 lead at the break.

The Eagles used a 7-0 run early in the second quarter with baskets from Lusk, Nate Sitorius and Trevor Mann but three turnovers let the Wildcats back in the game before halftime.

Both teams scored 11 points giving Brady a 20-16 advantage at intermission.

In the third, Brady outscored Maxwell by four which provided a good cushion for the Eagles as each team scored 18 points in the final quarter.

Jacobs said the second half came down to defense and he said he feels the guys on Brady’s team enjoy playing on that side of the ball.

“They believe in the defense we play which was a 2-2-1 press into a 2-1-2 zone all night,” Jacobs said. “When you can get effort on defense, it makes for a tough night on the opponent.”

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