

Slow start doesn't hurt against Wolves

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Not many teams in Class D-1 can say after scoring 50 points that it didn't click offensively for an entire half.

However, the Brady girls basketball team struggled to find its rhythm early against Arthur County but used consistent scoring each quarter to take down the Wolves 50-30 Saturday.

Head coach Lance Arterburn said the long trip to Arthur may have contributed to the team's timid start.

However slow the Eagles played, they managed a 13-8 lead after the first quarter.

In the second quarter Brady seemed to click more, Arterburn said, and took a 10-point lead at intermission.

"In the second period the girls did a nice job getting in sync early and kept the offense steady," Arterburn said.

In the second half, he said the girls played a little better on both sides of the ball.

Brady pressed some but only turned the Wolves over a few times.

"Arthur County handled our press fairly well," Arterburn said. "Those couple turnovers made the game a little easier."

Leading 36-19 with one period remaining, Brady scored 14 more points to run away with the win.

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Brady received 10 points from Sydney Widick while Valerie Most and Tara Callahan pitched in nine apiece.

Arterburn said he would like Widick to be more aggressive because she makes good decisions with the ball.

"We need her to shoot more because she never takes a bad shot," he said. "She had several drives to the basket, assists and layups."

The Eagles travel to Hayes Center Friday and Arterburn said he thinks it will be a tough test for his team.

"They do a good job of playing us hard," Arterburn said.

Leading up to the matchup, Brady will work on playing better defense, tightening up its press, and putting the ball back in the hole offensively.

Scoring by quarters:

Brady 13121114—50

Arthur Co. 87411—30

EAGLE SCORERS: Sydney Widick 10, Valerie Most 9, Tara Callahan 9, Autumn Hild 6, Carissa Rayburn 5, Josie Palmer 4, Alexis Mann 2, Joya Most 2, Hannah DeStefano 2, Jamie Norton 1.

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