

Brady's balanced scoring beats Hayes Center

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Palmer leads Eagles with 18 points

Ten girls scored for the Brady girls basketball team against Hayes Center on their way to a 59-34 win Friday.

However, Brady coach Lance Arterburn felt his girls could've scored more than that.

"We were a little sluggish to start the game," Arterburn said. "Offensively we struggled to find rhythm early."

Even with a slow start and the girls not being in sync, Brady led 21-9 after the first quarter.

The Eagles continued to dominate in the second quarter as they scored 14 more points to extend the lead to 35-18 at intermission.

Arterburn said South Loup struggled with depth and the Eagles' press defense created turnovers by the Bobcats offense.

"We did a good job on the defensive side of the ball," he said. "However, we struggled with our man a little bit."

After the break, Hayes Center came out aggressive in the third quarter and outscored the Eagles 12-11 but still trailed 46-30.

"The girls could've played better defense in the third quarter," Arterburn said as the team goal each game is to limit the opponent to 30 points or less.

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With a comfortable lead going into the final period, Arterburn managed to get some younger players into the game, allowing them to gain experience.

Those girls didn't relieve Hayes Center of defensive pressure. Brady limited the Cardinals to only four points while scoring 13 of its own.

"All the girls did a nice job of stepping up and we started to click offensively in that second half," Arterburn said.

Josie Palmer led the Eagles in scoring with 18 points on 9-12 shooting from the field.

"Josie had a magical night," Arterburn said. "She made some nice moves in the post and it seemed like anything she touched went in."

Scoring by quarters:

Brady. 21141113—59

Hayes Center 99124—34

EAGLE SCORING: Josie Palmer 18, Tara Callahan 11, Madison Elliott 8, Valerie Most 7, Emilee Shaw 4, Carissa Rayburn 3, Alexis Mann 2, Jenna Lusk 2, Sydney Widick 2, Autumn Hild 2.

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