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Mullen dismantled by Eagles' press

As many opponents have this season, the Mullen girls basketball team struggled against the Eagles full-court press right from the start which led to a 52-43 victory for Brady on Friday.

On the way to their 10th consecutive win, the Eagles didn't allow a Bronco basket for five minutes while it racked up a 13-point cushion. They headed into the second quarter with a 19-6 lead.

"I was happy to see our press defense was working better than it had in recent games," head coach Lance Arterburn said. "We did a nice job of jumping the passing lanes and creating offense."

Going into the game, Arterburn noted that Mullen might struggle against the pressure defense Brady uses and it worked to near perfection.

The Eagles' solid defense continued into the second stanza as they held the Broncos scoreless for a combined six minutes.

However, a three-minute scoring lapse of their own kept the game from being blown wide open.

The two teams traded baskets at the end of the first half with the 34-17 advantage in Brady's favor.

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In the third period, Brady's offense got a little sloppy, Arterburn said. With a comfortable lead the girls started playing loose which led to turnovers and few baskets.

Although Brady struggled for the first time in the game, Mullen couldn't swing much of the momentum from Brady as the point spread was 12 heading into the final quarter of play.

"The girls settled down and got back to playing how we know we can," Arterburn said.

Brady limited turnovers on offense and outscored Mullen 13-8 in the final six minutes of play.

Madison Elliott led nine Eagle scorers with 11 points.

Mullen's high scorer was Ally Ginkens with a game-high 16 points.

Scoring by quarters:

Mullen. 6111114—42

Brady 1915613—53

EAGLE SCORING: Madison Elliott 11, Autumn Hild 9, Tara Callahan 9, Valerie Most 6, Josie Palmer 5, Carissa Rayburn 5, Sydney Widick 4, Jamie Norton 3, Alexis Mann 1.

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