

Brady girls fall in SHC championship

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Sandhills-Thedford snaps Eagles' 13-game winning streak

The Eagles made quick work of Arthur County in the first round of the Sandhills Conference tournament Jan. 27 and looked to be on their way to a championship.

The Brady girls basketball team beat Mullen 45-42 Friday but Brady was defeated 59-55 by Sandhills-Thedford in the title game Saturday.

Brady takes down Wolves

Arthur County had trouble early and often against Brady's press defense as the Eagles jumped out to a 20-6 lead in the first quarter.

"Our press worked really well against them," head coach Lance Arterburn said. "We played the lanes and got some easy buckets off turnovers."

Brady came into the game with a focus, he said, and they carried it through the entire game.

The Eagles outscored the Wolves 16-12 in the second stanza to build an 18-point lead at halftime, 36-18.

That lead would get stretched to 20 points a couple times in the game, Arterburn said, as the Eagles maintained a comfortable advantage through the third.

Both teams scored 10 and 11 points in the third and fourth quarters, respectively.

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Arterburn said his girls continued to play with focus even when they were up by 15 or more.

“They maintained their edge and focus throughout the game,” he said. “They played the zone well and we kept a nice lead.”

Autumn Hild, who scored baskets on layins and jumpshots, led the Eagles with 11 points while three Brady players added nine

Scoring by quarters:

Arthur Co. 6121011—39

Brady 20161011—57

EAGLE SCORING: Autumn Hild 11, Madison Elliott 9, Tara Callahan 9, Josie Palmer 9, Alexis Mann 6, Valerie Most 4, Sydney Widick 4, Carissa Rayburn 3, Karnee Hatch 2.

Eagles survive scare

Mullen was fired up to play the Eagles in the semifinals of the conference tournament Friday but Brady held on for a 45-42 victory advancing to the SHC title game Saturday.

Head coach Lance Arterburn said the Broncos played hard the entire game and reduced their turnovers, something they didn't do in a Jan. 23 game Brady won 53-42.

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“They took care of the ball better and were beating us to loose balls and rebounds early,” Arterburn said.

Mullen outscored Brady 14-11 in the first quarter before giving up 14 in the second period to leave the game tied 25-25 at halftime.

“We struggled rebounding in the first half so we played our big girls together in the second half and went to a zone defense,” Arterburn said.

The rebound problem seemed to be solved but offensively the Eagles weren’t clicking.

“We got good looks but weren’t making shots,” Arterburn said.

Trailing 33-32 going into the fourth quarter Brady outscored the Broncos 13-9 to keep the win streak alive and win the nail biter by three after a Mullen attempt bounced off the front rim to end the game.

Valerie Most was high scorer for the Eagles with 13 points.

Scoring by quarters:

Mullen. 141189—42

Brady 1114713—45

EAGLE SCORING: Valerie Most 13, Madison Elliott 10, Josie Palmer 10, Alexis Mann 5,

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Carissa Rayburn 4, Autumn Hild 3.

Sandhills outlasts Eagles

For the first time in more than a month, the Brady girls basketball team lost a game.

The Eagles fell to the Knights 59-55 in the SHC championship Saturday.

Brady didn't convert early in the game, head coach Lance Arterburn said, which led them to trail 16-10 after the first quarter.

The Knights broke Brady's press by playing aggressive in the opening minutes leading to easy baskets, Arterburn said.

Sandhills again outscored Brady 17-13 and had a 10-point advantage going into halftime. However, Brady made adjustments during the break to slow down the Knights' attack.

In the third frame, Brady locked down defensively and got some easy layins and made outside shots to scored 16 points and trail only 41-39 heading into the final stanza.

The scoring went back and forth until 1:05 remaining when the Knights went up one after a made free throw.

A missed shot with 30 seconds left led to a Brady foul and two made free throws by Sandhills-Thedford.

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The Eagles had the last possession, down three points, when a last shot to tie the game hit the front rim and bounced off, ending Brady's 13-game win streak.

"It was a great game," Arterburn said. "We had chances to win after digging out of the big hole we were in."

Madison Elliot was high scorer for the Eagles with 15 points while Josie Palmer added 12.

Scoring by quarters:

Brady. 10131616—55

Sand/Thed 1617818—59

EAGLE SCORING: Madison Elliott 15, Josie Palmer 12, Alexis Mann 8, Valerie Most 7, Carissa Rayburn 6, Autumn Hild 4, Tara Callahan 3.

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