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Eagle boys lose by one to Bears.

Never quit.

Frustrated and down eight points to Callaway in the first quarter Saturday night, the Brady boys kept fighting.

At halftime, the Eagles trailed the Bears 29-25 and still they didn't give in.

Midway through the third period when Callaway built a 35-25 lead, Brady could have rolled over and given up but continued to battle instead.

Even as the last 10th of a second ticked off the clock, the Eagles never quit.

But despite multiple opportunities to beat Callaway, Brady lost 44-43 leaving the Eagles deflated and disappointed once again.

"The chances were there," said coach Rich Britten. "We got down eight points in the first quarter and then outscored them every other quarter."

The Eagles made up all but one point of the difference.

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Brady had a slim 41-40 lead with 1:29 to play in the game.

“We needed to just slow down the offense when we had the lead,” Britten said, “but these kids want to go, go, go.”

Then the Eagles found themselves down 44-41 with 11 seconds to go when junior Dalton Riedel went to the line.

CALLAWAY 44

BRADY 43	FG	FT	PF	Rb	PT
C. Artburn.....	2-10	0-0	1	3	6
C. Biede.....	1-3	0-0	3	0	2
E. Callahan.....	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
S. Finnell.....	1-2	0-0	1	2	3
T. Egenberger.....	1-0	1-2	1	1	3
M. Montoya.....	1-2	0-0	1	5	2
K. Pohlman.....	4-7	2-2	5	2	12
D. Riedel.....	2-3	3-6	2	5	7
B. Ward.....	4-6	0-0	3	10	8
TOTALS.....	16-41	6-10	17	28	42

Three-pointers: Brady, Kyle Pohlman, 2, Christian Artburn, 2, Shawn Finnell, 1.
Field goals: Brady, 16-41, 39%; Callaway, 15-38, 40%.
Free throws: Brady, 6-10, 60%; Callaway, 10-10, 100%.
Fouls: Brady, 17; Callaway, 12.
Rebounds: Brady, 9; Callaway, 20; defensive, 29 total; Callaway, 8 offensive, 10 defensive, 18 total.
Turnovers: Brady, 12; Callaway, 10.
Scoring by quarters:
Callaway..... 15 14 8 7—44
Brady..... 7 18 9 9—43

He hit the first free throw but missed the second, drawing another foul as he snagged his own rebound.

On the line again with 10.2 seconds left, Riedel made the first free throw but missed the second and Callaway came down with the ball.

A quick Eagle foul sent Colton Schied to the line and he missed the front end of a one-and-one.

Brad Ward got the rebound and Brady called a timeout with 7.8 seconds left to play.

Another turnover on the inbounds play forced Brady to foul again to stop the clock.

Robert Pierce went to the line for the Bears, missing the first free throw attempt.

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Brady sophomore Tyler Egenberger got the rebound and found Christian Arterburn on the quick outlet. Arterburn raced up the floor and got a shot off before the buzzer but it fell short.

Kyle Pohlman led Brady with 12 points. Ward grabbed 10 rebounds and added eight points.

“The thing is, if Callaway hadn’t missed those free throws at the end, we wouldn’t even have had an opportunity for a last-second shot,” Britten said. “It’s a really tough loss but hopefully we can learn from it and use it to build a little momentum.”

After Friday night’s 81-38 pummeling defeat at No. 2 state rated Hayes Center, the Eagles are 1-11 on the season with two rematches this week before entering the Sandhills Conference tournament at Arthur on Tuesday.

Brady travels to Stapleton to play Stapleton-McPherson County on Friday.

The Cyclones defeated the Eagles 56-53 at the Maxwell holiday tournament.

Then Brady hosts Arnold Saturday. The Cardinals also beat Brady at the Maxwell tournament 53-41.

“We were not aggressive enough in either of those games,” Britten said, “and we got out-shot at the free throw line both nights. I think we’ve come a long way since then.”

Varsity boys action on Friday will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Saturday’s games include a junior varsity boys matchup at 5 p.m. with varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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As the No. 7 seed in the SHC tournament, the Eagles will face Cody-Kilgore in the opening round at 7 p.m. MT Tuesday.

The Cowboys defeated the Eagles 58-51 in the second game of the season.