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Brady opens sub-district against Wauneta-Palisade.

It's not that Brady's girls like to play from behind.

Eagle coach Darren Tobey would much rather have his team cruise with a lead than be forced to make a comeback surge.

Still, the Eagles allowed Medicine Valley to jump out to an 11-0 lead, not scoring at all in the first quarter Friday night.

"We've done it before," Tobey said. "I wish I knew why."

Despite Medicine Valley's head start, the Eagles came back to win 40-36.

"We couldn't hit a shot in the first quarter," Tobey said. "Once we got one to fall, things started going our way."

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That magic bucket came from junior Jessica Schrad 15 seconds into the second period.

“We picked up the tempo with a full-court press and all of a sudden the game opened up for us,” Tobey said.

A switch from man-to-man defense to zone forced Medicine Valley off balance, Tobey said.

With 3:44 to go in the first half, Brady tied the score at 14-14 and the Eagles led 22-18 at halftime.

“We spent a lot of energy trying to get back in the game,” Tobey said.

By the time the fourth period started, the Eagles had gained a 34-24 lead.

Then another scoring drought let the Raiders back in the game. With 28 second to play, Brady was up by a slim two points 38-36.

“It’s that inconsistency that will drive you crazy,” Tobey said.

Schrad led all scorers with 20 points.

“Jessica really stepped up for us,” Tobey said. “We’ve had a lot of girls contributing and that’s what it’s going to take to keep playing now.”

At 10-9, the Eagles earned the third seed in the D1-9 sub-district which started Monday in North Platte.

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Brady faced Wauneta-Palisade (10-10) Tuesday night.

“We’ve got to play four quarters of basketball if we want to keep going,” Tobey said.

Look for complete coverage of the sub-district game in next week’s issue.