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A hot start fueled a Lady Bronco win in Brady Thursday. The Wauneta-Palisade girls' basketball team jumped out to a 19-3 lead en route to a 43-30 win over Anselmo-Merna at the Brady Tournament.

Brooklyn Nordhausen scored six of the team's first eight points as the Lady Broncos jumped out of the gate. Abbie Fanning notched seven points in eight minutes while helping hold Anselmo-Merna to one basket.

Sheyla Christner hit her second three-pointer of the game in the second quarter to pace the Lady Broncos. Anselmo-Merna's Katie Kirkpatrick equaled Wauneta-Palisade's total of six points in the second quarter. The Lady Broncos headed into halftime ahead by ten, 25-15.

Victoria Downey scored eight points in the third quarter to carry Anselmo-Merna to within six heading into the final frame. Stingy defense by the Lady Broncos and six points by Nordhausen led to a 43-30 win.

Nordhausen led Wauneta-Palisade with 15 points. Fanning and Christner added nine and eight points, respectively. The Lady Broncos made four three-pointers and was seven-of-21 from the charity stripe.

Downey led the Coyotes with 11 points. Anselmo-Merna made four-of-14 free throw attempts.

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WP Emma Skelton 3; Fanning 9; Tailor Lee 5; Jonee Maris 3; Nordhausen 15; Christner 8.

AM Downey 11; Janae Hostick 2; Russell 1; Hannah Kirkpatrick 3; Katie Kirkpatrick 9; Megan Max 2; Shannon Plummer 2.

Points were few and far between for the Wauneta-Palisade girls' basketball team as it took on Brady in the championship game of the Brady Tournament. One of the top teams in Class D2, Brady defeated the Lady Broncos 56-17.

Wauneta-Palisade could only manage three free throws in the opening period of the game, but were only down by five points, 8-3, heading into the second quarter.

Brady blew the game open with twenty points to finish the half. Tailor Lee hit two baskets and Sheyla Christner notched three free throws as the Lady Broncos headed into intermission down 28-10.

The second half didn't get any better for Wauneta-Palisade. A bucket by Sydnee Harchelroad was the only points of the quarter while Brady notched 15 points. The Eagles closed the game on a 13-5 run, the final score being 56-17.

Lee led the Lady Broncos with six points. Christner tallied five. Wauneta-Palisade made it to the free throw line 19 times and converted seven.

Brady, a possible district opponent, was led by Courtney Widick with 14 points and Josie Palmer added 12.

WP Sydnee Harchelroad 2; Lee 6; Cassidy Rathe 2; Brooklyn Nordhausen 1; Christner 5; Nicole Strand 1.

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Brady Valerie Most 4; Maggie Burke 4; Brittney Christophersen 2; Megan Dolt 9; Alexis Mann 1; Sydney Widick 4; Courtney Widick 14; Autumn Hild 2; Dakota Terry 4; Josie Palmer 12.

Boys contest

An 11 point halftime lead almost wasn't enough for the Wauneta-Palisade boys' basketball team against Anselmo-Merna. The Broncos needed overtime to defeat the Coyotes 49-41 in the first round of the Brady Tournament.

The Broncos defense held Anselmo-Merna to one basket in the first quarter as the Broncos jumped out to a 10-2 lead. Logan Bischoff scored nine points and Jacob Maris nailed two three-pointers in the first half as Wauneta-Palisade cruised into halftime ahead 27-16.

The Coyotes' Joseph Cristen totaled 12 points in the second half, as many as the Broncos did as a team. Five missed free throws in the third quarter and only four points in the final eight minutes spelled disaster for the Broncos, leading to a tie at 39 at the end of regulation play.

Wauneta-Palisade's free throw shooting pulled the game out. No baskets were made in the overtime period. Anselmo-Merna made two-of-six from the charity stripe while the Broncos made 10-of-13 free throws and pulled out the 49-41 win.

Bischoff led the Broncos with 21 points. Maris added eight points. Bo Fanning and Jack McGraw each scored seven points. Wauneta-Palisade made 23/34 free throws. McGraw was seven-of-ten. Bischoff hit nine-of-14.

Joseph Cristen led the Coyotes with 22 points. Anselmo-Merna made 10 free throws in 20

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attempts.

WP Bo Fanning 7; McGraw 7; Bischoff 21; Reese West 1; Maris 8; Connor Kayton 5.

AM Tyler Evans 4; Cole Geiser 2; Joseph Christen 22; Gregory Christen 5; Dusty Chandler 6; Trent Geiser 2.

Wauneta-Palisade boys wrapped up the Brady Tournament with a 51-39 loss to host Brady.

The teams played even through the first quarter. Heading into the second quarter, tied at 14, Brady's offense came alive. The Eagles outscored Wauneta-Palisade 17-7 to head into half time with a 10 point lead. Brady's Sawyer Burke scored 16 points to pace the Eagles and Connor Kayton's nine points led the Broncos' heading into halftime.

The Broncos came out from halftime fired up and gave the 8-1 Eagles all more than it wanted. Wauneta-Palisade outscored Brady 14-9 in the third quarter and headed into the final stanza down five, 40-35.

The Broncos could only muster baskets by Hayden Pollmann and Jack McGraw in the final eight minutes as Brady pulled away. The Eagles outscored the Broncos 11-4 in the final quarter to take the 51-39 win.

Kayton finished as the only Bronco in double figures with 10. McGraw added eight points.

Burke was unstoppable for Brady, totaling 32 points.

WP Kayton 10; Jacob Maris 3; Reese West 2; Logan Bischoff 7; McGraw 8; Pollmann 5; Bo Fanning 4.

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Brady Ryan Porter 1; Tyrel Grasz 4; Zach Mann 6; Tyler Egenberger 5; Sawyer Burke 32; Bryler Roper 3.