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Sydnee Harchelroad (12), Leiauna Alberts (10) and Hannah Nordhausen (21) get hands up in the face of the Wallace player. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Facing two very different teams in the opening games of the season, the Wauneta-Palisade Lady Broncos split games with Wallace and Brady.

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Wildcats no match for WP

W-P hosted Wallace Thursday. The Broncos opened up a 13-0 lead in the first five minutes of action. Starters Sydnee Harchelroad and Brianna Einspahr each hit a three-pointer in the first two minutes. Taylor Lee scored off an offensive rebound then added a three point play and third basket, with assists from Abbie Fanning. A basket by Cassidy Rathe and one more by Lee gave the Broncos a 17-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Coach Betsy Johanson played a variety of rotations. Nine players saw action in the first half.

In the second quarter, Lee added another bucket, Einspahr hit a two-pointer, and Nicole Strand scored with an assist from Hannah Nordhausen. Lee picked up another three-point play after hitting the boards and got an assist from Harchelroad to give W-P a 28-11 half time lead.

Both Fanning and Lee ran into foul trouble in the second half. Both had four fouls by the five-minute mark of the third quarter. With four consecutive baskets by Brooklyn Nordhausen the Broncos increased the lead to 36-13. Lee, Harchelroad and Rathe each had assists. Strand added her second basket as time ran down in the third quarter as the Broncos headed into the final stanza ahead 38-20.

B. Nordhausen, Lee and Harchelroad added baskets in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter as W-P doubled up on Wallace, 44-22. W-P continued to pull ahead down the stretch behind four points from Lee and Rathe and a three pointer by Harchelroad to make the final score 55-26.

Lee led the Broncos with 22 points, including four-of-five free throws.

B. Nordhausen also finished in double figures with 10 points.

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Matchup of ranked teams

The Broncos knew Friday's game would be tougher.

WP has started off the season ranked eighth in Class D2.

Brady, meanwhile, is ranked eighth in Class D1.

Each team put 13 points on the board in the first quarter.

Einspahr hit two three-pointers and Rathe two two-pointers for the Broncos, while Lee made three-of-four free throws.

Brady took a slight edge heading into halftime, leading 28-27.

Strand came off the bench in the second quarter to make six points for WP.

B. Nordhausen converted a three-point play and Fanning made 3-4 free throws to go with a bucket by Lee.

Both teams came out cold to start the second half. Brady managed seven points while the Broncos only got a three-pointer by Harchelroad.

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Heading into the fourth quarter trailing 30-35, WP was not able to put together a rally and lost 44-50.

Lee scored seven in the final quarter and finished the game with 12 to lead the Broncos, including 4-6 free throws.

Fanning added two buckets in the fourth and ended the game with seven points.

Einspahr and Strand each scored six points in the game. Rathe and B. Nordhausen finished with five points total.

The Broncos made 11-16 free throws in the game.

Valerie Most led Brady with 18 points, but was held to six free throws in the second half. She made five-of-seven field goal attempts. Josie Palmer had 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Johanson said her team gave a great effort against a very good Eagles team.

“We emphasized solid rebounding and minimizing turnovers, and we did both of those things well,” she said. “We needed some shots to fall that we know will as we progress through the season.”

Friday the Broncos will be at Cambridge and return home Saturday to host Southern Valley. Tuesday WP will play at Dundy County-Stratton.