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The Brady Eagles rode the legs of running back Brad Ward Friday night to a 54-22 win over the Wallace Wildcats.

Ward, who carried the ball 37 times for 287 yards and five touchdowns, seemed to get stronger as the game wore on.

Ward opened the scoring on the Eagles' second possession of the game with a 34-yard touchdown run. The successful two-point conversion put the Eagles ahead 8-0 midway through the first quarter.

Wallace used a big defensive play to get on the board following a 58-yard punt by Sean May that pinned Brady at their own two-yard line. May and Shawn Christensen combined to stop Ward in the end zone for a safety to make the score 8-2 in favor of Brady.

Following the ensuing free kick, the Wildcats took their only lead of the game on a nine play, 44-yard drive. The Wildcats used runs by May of 17 and 11 yards to start the drive.

May also found Christensen on a 14-yard pass play down to the Brady six yard line. Two plays later May capped the drive with a two-yard touchdown run. Lane Swedberg caught the two point conversion pass to put the Wildcats on top 10-8 with 10:44 to play in the first half.

The Eagles responded by scoring on all three of their second quarter drives. Quarterback Kyle Pohlman scored on a 10-yard scramble with 9:12 to play in the second quarter. Four-and-a-half minutes later Ward gave the Eagles a 14 point lead at 24-10 with a two-yard touchdown run.

Brady had all the momentum following a holding penalty against the Wildcats and a 15-yard sack, left the Wildcats with a third down and 35 yards to go from their own 5-yard line.

However, Christensen took a dive play 32 yards to the Wallace 37-yard line. On fourth and three, May struck from 43 yards out to cut the Eagle lead to 24-16 with just under two minutes to play in the first half.

Brady wasn't satisfied with sitting on the lead and used seven plays, five runs by Ward and a 14-yard pass to Tyler Egenberger, to take the ball to the Wallace 11-yard line.

Ward finished the drive with an 11-yard touchdown run. Dalton Reidel added the two-point conversion to make the score 32-16 in favor of Brady at halftime.

Landon Swedberg returned the opening kickoff of the second half to midfield and the Wildcats took little time getting to the end zone. May scored his third touchdown of the game on a 14-yard run 3:13 seconds into the second half. The touchdown cut the Brady lead to 32-22.

Unfortunately, that was the last time the Wildcats would score in the ballgame.

Brady responded again with a 34-yard touchdown run by Ward with eight minutes to play in the third quarter. Reidel added the two point conversion to extend the Brady lead to 40-22.

Ward scored for the Eagles on Brady's first two possessions of the fourth quarter on runs of five and 46 yards, respectively. Christian Arterburn added a two-point conversion catch after the

last touchdown to make the score 54-22 in favor of Brady.

May led the Wildcats with 163 yards rushing on 24 carries. May also scored all three touchdowns. Christensen carried the ball 12 times for 70 yards.

With the loss the Wildcats fall to 4-3 on the season.

Next Action

The Wildcats will wrap up their regular season Thursday (tonight) as they travel to Eustis to take on the Eustis-Farnam Knights. Kickoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., CDT.



