

Borden Loses To Austin

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Borden came out with a very different game plan in a loss to Austin Friday night. Borden attempted to take a much stronger Austin team out of their game, and for the first half it worked. But the second half was much different as Borden lost 56 to 31.

Austin won the tip and with the first possession went to Raichel in the corner for three. It would be the only three-point shot made in the half.

When Borden came back down it was obvious something was different. Borden worked the ball around the perimeter and slowed the game way down. Borden controlled the ball for three-fourths of the first half. In doing so they kept Austin from establishing a game plan they are accustomed to.

Borden was so intent on controlling the ball they took very few shots in the first quarter. By Borden holding the ball such a high percentage of the time Austin had few opportunities to shoot. The score was only Austin 7 - Borden 1 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Borden still controlled the ball but took more opportunities to score. They managed to outscore Austin 11 to 8 and went into the half behind by three points at Austin 15 – Borden 12. It appeared that Borden may have found a plan that would give them an opportunity to win.

The start of the third quarter did not go as well for Borden. Austin came out with a full court press and pressure defense in the half court. Borden did not have the ball handlers and experience to deal with the pressure.

Borden turned the ball over frequently and allowed Austin to get into their game plan. Austin opened up their lead by taking away Borden's opportunities to score and with three-point shooting.

Borden did score 11 points in the quarter mostly finding Kyle Jackson open underneath the basket. Austin managed 21 points for the quarter taking the lead Austin 36 - Borden 23.

The fourth quarter was much the same as the third. Austin kept the pressure on for all but the last couple of minutes and posted three more three-pointers. Borden's offense stalled scoring only eight points with four coming on the free-throw line.

Austin won the game with a final score of Austin 56 – Borden 31.

After the game, when asked about his game plan, Borden's coach Nash said, "When outmanned at every position you have to do something. It worked well the first half but the second half not so well. Their pressure killed us and we turned the ball over 10 times in the second half."

Austin's coach Deaton said, "I knew Nash would have something for us. We didn't match up well with their quickness. We pressed in the second half and the turnovers turned into offense." Austin is now has a 9-2 record.

Borden's leading scorers were Kyle Jackson and Billy Kirchkessner with seven each. Austin was lead by Raichel with 14.

Borden's next game will be Friday, January 22nd at home against Christian Academy.