

Borden boys fall to Orleans

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For the past three years ranked Orleans has played Borden and come up short. This had to be a concern for Orleans coach Tom Bradley. It didn't seem to be a concern for his players.

In the first quarter Borden came at Orleans ignoring their current ranking of 4th in single A ball. Brandon Beam and Dalton Wagoner drove to the middle against Orleans 6'6" Center, Cameron Carroll. In three minutes they had forced two fouls on him and he was on the bench.

At the same time Borden deployed their 3-2 zone very effectively. Orleans seldom got the ball inside the 3-point arc for more than a few seconds. Hitting only one 3-point shot they were unable to get their offense really moving.

Borden took good care of the ball and went toe to toe with Orleans on the boards. At the end of the first quarter Borden stayed in the game trailing only by five, Orleans 16 – Borden 11.

In the second quarter the Orleans seemed to realize they were going to have to work a little harder or be at risk. They stepped up the pressure on defense and moved the ball quicker giving them more and better open shots.

Borden's Jacob Rich picked up his 3rd foul quickly in the second quarter and spent most of the quarter on the bench. Beam also picked up his 3rd foul and spent the last three minutes on the bench.

With the increased pressure and starters on the bench Borden turned the ball over too much. With turnovers leading to points Borden couldn't keep pace with Orleans.

Orleans got their offense rolling and Borden went flat. By half Orleans had taken command of the game leading 32 to 18.

In the second half Orleans was able to keep their center, Carroll, in the game. They continued to pick up momentum and showed why they are ranked 4th in the state.

Borden was unable to pull them selves together facing a much stronger team. Borden trailed the third quarter 48 – 22. The fourth quarter was much the same with a final score of Orleans 63 – Borden 27.

Borden's coach Nash said, "We had too many turnovers in the second quarter that lead to two points. This deflated our game and this is a poor excuse."

Orleans coach Bradley commented, "We were stagnate in the first quarter. We went to a trap defense for the next three quarters and it worked. We have a much longer bench then we usually have." Implying the ability to run a pressure defense longer.

Borden's high scorer for the games was freshman Billy Kirchgessner with 9 points.

Borden's next game will be Friday at Madison Shawe.