

## **Borden and Eastern split a pair of games**

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The Eastern Musketeers traveled to Borden to play the Braves Saturday in a high school baseball doubleheader, but it didn't look like the games were going to be held at all. The first game of the two was delayed by about 40 minutes after a shower drenched the field, and the Borden field had been readied again.

The games were both very close, at least going by the final scores. Borden led in the first game, but the Musketeers ended up winning 7-6. In the second game, Eastern led but the Braves ended up winning 7-6.

### **Game 1-**

**Eastern 7, Borden 6-**Eastern pushed across a run in the top of the first inning, but Borden answered in the bottom of the frame when they scored a pair themselves and went ahead 2-1.

The Musketeers tied it up at 2-2 after scoring a lone run in the top of the third, but it was the top of the sixth inning when they finally decided the issue.

Kawika Glover and Caleb Nicholson both managed to get on base, and later scored (tying the game at 4-4) when teammate Trey Albertson knocked them in with a two run double.

Todd Albertson then walked, and Austin Brown then singled, driving in Trey Albertson, giving the Musketeers the go ahead run (5-4).

Todd Albertson then gave Eastern a 6-4 lead, after scoring a run off of a double steal.

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With his team facing a 4-2 deficit, Eastern coach Larry Ingram was happy with the way his team clawed its way back into the game.

“It was another hard fought game,” Ingram said. “We did string together some hits; it was two teams going at it.”

Borden coach Brian Agnew said that he didn't think that his team should have even been in the game.

“It was obviously an early season game,” Agnew commented. “We just didn't make the plays.”

Agnew also was less than impressed by the defense displayed in the game by either squad.

“It wasn't a stellar performance on defense by either team,” Agnew said.

For Eastern, Caleb Nicholson was 2 for 4 from the plate, and he scored two runs. Trey Albertson was 2 for 5 from the plate, and had 2 RBI's in the contest. Austin Brown had a pair of RBI's in the contest as well.

Borden had its share of highlights in the game too. Ethan Little was perfect from the plate (2 for 2), had two hits, a sacrifice fly, and stole three bases. Dalton Wagoner went 2 for three from the plate, and had both a single and a double. He drove in a pair of runs.

In the first game, Eastern's Jacob Freeman (1-0) picked up the win on the mound, and Borden's Zack Wilson (0-1) was tagged with the loss

Eastern had seven hits in the game, and committed four errors. Borden had 10 hits and seven errors.

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### **Game 2-**

**Borden 7, Eastern 6**-Neither team scored in the first inning, but Borden picked up a single run in the bottom of both the second and third innings to go ahead 2-0.

Eastern finally scored in the top of the fourth, when they sent three runners across home plate. This also gave them the lead at 3-2, but it didn't last.

Borden regained the lead at 4-3, after they put a pair of runners across home plate in the bottom of the fourth.

The Braves won the game in the sixth inning, after Eastern had scored three in the top of the inning, to go ahead 6-4.

For Borden coach Brian Agnew, it came down to pitcher Jared Sowders and pinch hitter Jared Sanders, both freshmen.

"We got timely pinch hitting and got big performances from two freshmen," Agnew said.

Borden led off the sixth inning with a lead off double, and Ethan Little got on base on a single. After Eastern got the second out of the inning, they walked the Braves' Kyle Craig, and then proceeded to pitch around Dylan Martin, who eventually was walked.

A grounder to the Eastern short stop resulted in a fielding error, and the go ahead run was then scored by Craig.

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Eastern had taken a 6-4 lead after a busy top of the sixth inning. First, Jacob Freeman singled with one out, and Caleb Nicholson doubled to left field, leaving runners at second base and third base. Trey Albertson reached first base on a bunt single, and then Dakota Hadley drove in Freeman and Nicholson with a single. This gave Eastern a 5-4 lead, and forced Borden to change pitchers.

After the Borden pitching change, Todd Albertson had a safety squeeze bunt which drove in Trey Albertson.

Borden coach Brian Agnew was happy with the win in the second game of the doubleheader.

“We hung in there,” he said. Agnew was especially pleased with the pitching of freshman Sowders. “He did everything I can ask a freshman to do in that situation.”

Agnew said that both team could have swept both games of the doubleheader, and was glad to at least split against Eastern coach Ingram.

“Anytime you win against a team coached by (Ingram), consider yourself lucky,” said Agnew.

Eastern had opened their season with a game against Springs Valley Friday afternoon, and Ingram pointed out that it was the third game the team had played within 24 hours.

Plus, with the threat of rain Saturday morning, he felt fortunate to get both games in.

“It was good for the kids,” Ingram said. “You always hate to see rain outs.”

In the second game, Dylan Martin (1-0) picked up the win for the Braves, and Eastern’s Caleb Nicholson (0-1) was tagged with the loss.

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The Musketeers had 12 hits and 3 errors, and the Braves had 10 hits and 2 errors.