

The Southern Athletic Conference opened the season with Borden and Lanesville at Borden Friday night. The final score was 76 to 68, Borden, but the game was a tough struggle for both teams.

The first quarter saw Borden open up an 8-0 lead. Both teams went man to man but Borden went full court. It gave Lanesville some trouble with turnovers giving the ball up five times in the quarter. Borden managed to take control of the rebounding especially on the Lanesville end of the court. Both teams spread the scoring over five players with a pair of 3s each. The score for the quarter ended 19-14 Borden.

Lanesville battled back the second quarter actually taking the lead with three minutes to play. They had managed to slow down Borden's penetration and played them even on rebounds for the quarter. Borden did get their penetration going in the last three minutes of the quarter taking a 36-33 lead at half.

Lanesville coach Mikel Miller said about the first half, "We let them take an eight point lead, we had too many turnovers and you can't do that against a good team. In the second quarter we got everybody moving in the same direction and took a lead."

To start the second half Lanesville came out in a zone defense. Miller said, "We were trying to give them a different look." This had some success. With five minutes to play Lanesville's Ferre hit two free throws to give them a two point lead at 41-39. With 4:30 to play Borden's Kirchgessner hit two free throws soon followed by a basket from Borden's Ruedinger put Borden back in the lead for the rest of the game. Borden's McCoy later picked up a pair of 3s within 35 seconds to help propel Borden to a 52-46 lead for the third quarter.

The fourth quarter Lanesville closed to within three points in the first couple of minutes. Borden took some control of game over the next couple of minutes to open up a seven point lead. Borden hit 14 of 19 free throws in the quarter and out rebounded Lanesville as they had done most the night to finish out with a 76 to 68 win.

After the game Borden's coach Nash commented, "They fought and we fought; we still have to get better. We got an eight point lead in the beginning and just couldn't pull away. This is a credit to their program." He also said, "I thought Billy (Kirchgessner) played well, they all played hard, I'm very proud of them."

Lanesville coach Miller along with the above quotes said, "Kevin Zollman played a good game as did Alex Ansman. It was a tough game and they have a good program."

Leading scorers for Borden were: Kirchgessner 18, McCoy 17, Lynch 10 and Vick 10.

Leading scorers for Lanesville were: Zollman 22, Ansman 13, Fulkerson 11.