

Borden versus West Washington.

Borden traveled to West Washington to take on the Senators Tuesday, Feb. 19th. West Washington battled hard but were not able to hold up against Borden's tight defense. Borden would end up with a 45 to 32 win.

Through the first half West Washington had difficulty with Borden's aggressive defense. Causing several turnovers which turned into Borden points.

Borden controlled the rebounding on both ends of the court limiting West Washington's offensive opportunities. This led to Borden leading 26 to 16 at the half.

West Washington took advantage of Borden's aggressive defense in the third quarter. With good, away from the ball movement they found West Washington's Thompson open under the basket for six of their nine points. But Borden continued with a balanced offense to move further ahead 36 to 25.

The fourth quarter Borden continued to control the game and extend their lead. Borden's strong defense and rebounding throughout the game proved to be more than West Washington could overcome. The final score was 45 to 32 Borden.

Leading scorer for West Washington was Thompson with 17.

Leading scorers for Borden was Cody Bachman with 11.

Borden versus Salem.

Borden went a few miles down to road to Salem Friday night. With a huge third quarter Borden walked away with a 63 to 34 win.

Salem was competitive in the first half. Putting in three 3-point shots and making a strong rebounding performance on defensive rebounding they stayed within striking distance. Borden responded with four 3-point shots, controlled the rebounds on the Salem end of the court. Both teams limited each others second shots per possession but Borden's pressure defense and better shooting gave them a 27 to 21 lead at the half.

In the second half it was a whole different game. Salem had a great deal of difficulty getting the ball up the floor with turnovers leading to points. Borden also showed it could score both inside and outside with Garrett Vick and Jalen McCoy picking up 9 points each. After scoring 21 unanswered points Salem broke the chain with two free-throws. Borden answered with a 3-pointer to finish the quarter ahead 51-23.

Borden then played the fourth quarter from the bench. Salem continued to play aggressively but were unable to gain on the deficit with the game ending 63 to 34 Borden.

Salem coach Weedin said after the game, "We came out and played well in the first half. Our major weakness was our turnovers. We pressed hard for good shots and we got good looks. We just didn't have the fire power to keep up. Our guys battled and played hard, especially our seniors as they have all season."

Borden's coach Nash commented, "We were shooting good shots, some may have needed a couple extra passes. Our problem in the first half is we extended our defence a little too far. It gave them open shots inside. I was proud of everyone who played tonight."

Coach Nash also commented, "We're just a couple managers short of a State Contender." I

think there may be an inside joke concerning the managers who work hard all year but Evan and Adam never get any mention.

Salem's leading scorer was Caleb Couch with 14.

Borden's leading scorers were Garrett Vick 20 and Jalen McCoy 17.