

Borden Head Coach Doc Nash was surprised by his team in their season-opening, 62-52, win over Eastern. He wasn't surprised by the made baskets, or the advantage his team had on the boards, but was caught off guard by the way they battled. "I was shocked," Nash said. "I didn't expect us to battle like that because in the pre-season we hadn't battled in practice. For whatever reason, they won't battle each other, but they did tonight."

That willingness to fight was never more important than late in the third quarter.

Eastern had battled all the way back from a double digit deficit to take a lead 42-40 off a three-point basket by Jude Olesh with 2:19 remaining in the third quarter.

Borden responded with a quick bucket by Garrett Vick, who scored two of his 17 points to tie the score on the Braves' next possession.

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the lead but never had more than a one possession lead.

A basket by the Musketeers' Dakota Snider put his team up by three, 48-45.

Borden answered when Vick hit one of two free throws and Zack Gillam scored a basket in the paint.

A three-pointer by Brian McGee put Borden back on top to stay.

In addition to Vick's 17 points, he contributed 10 rebounds.

"That's the kind of game we have to have from Vick every night," Nash said.

Nash also got solid play from Gillam, McGee and Cody Craddoc, to name a few.

While he was glad to get the win, Nash hesitated in putting too much stock in the victory.

"We will play these guys again here in a couple of weeks and I am sure they will be ready for us," he said.

Eastern was able to keep the game close by some hot shooting.

Alex Doebler hit three threes on his way to a 20-point night.

Borden was back in action Saturday, Nov. 30 against Shoals.

After a rocky start, the Braves rolled to a 71-41 win.

Borden let just 18-14 at the end of the first quarter, but began to open things up in the second with a 27-point outburst, which gave them a 45-21 lead at intermission.

Seven players scored for the Braves.

Borden's leading scorer was again Vick with 15.

He was followed by Cody Craddoc and Kyle Kruer with 10 each.

The Braves hit 25 of 28 free-throws for the game for 89% from the line.

Borden's next game will be at Lanesville Friday, December 6th.

The Musketeers were back in action Tuesday at Scottsburg. Results from that game were not available at press time.

Eastern will then travel to West Washington Friday for a showdown against the Senators.