

Borden suffers second loss, 44-41, to Christian Academy

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Friday night the Borden Braves hosted the Christian Academy (CAI) Warriors. The Warriors represented the toughest class A competition to date for the Braves. And though they had not beaten Borden for over ten years that night they were ready. The Warriors walked away with a 44 – 41 defeat of the Braves.

Despite giving up height at most positions the Braves started out well. The first half they rebounded with the Warriors and managed to stay ahead even if by only one point. But the Warriors strength showed during the second quarter as their big front line showed a little muscle inside and on defense. This kept The Braves from getting high percentage shots as they held onto a one point lead at the half 20 to 19.

CAI coach Steve Kerberg said, “They (Borden) have been so good for so long it was hard to get them (the Warriors) to believe they could win.”

The third quarter both teams played tough on defensive rebounding eliminating a chance of a second shot. Both teams struggled to take control and neither would back off. With no more than a two point margin for either team they fought for the lead. With eight seconds left Garrett Vick got the set up for an alley oop to score and put Borden ahead 32 to 30 at the end of the quarter.

To start the fourth Borden pulled the ball out towards the 10 second line and waited. CAI did not respond so both teams stood for two minutes and thirty seconds. Brian McGee literally stood there and dribbled the ball. Warrior’s Coach Kerberg thought the longer they delayed, the better the Warriors chances so he let it go. When CIA did step out to defend and Borden called a time out.

After the time out Borden quickly went in to Zack Gilliam close to the basket for two and a four point lead. CAI answered with a three pointer from James Martin, and a basket from Nick Reed to take a one point lead. With 2:27 to play Borden’s Vick responded with 2 for Borden’s last lead.

Thirty seconds later CAI’s Aaron Eldridge picked up a free throw to begin a seven point run to

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break the Braves. With 32 seconds left Borden's McGee responded with a 3 pointer to pull within three. CAI's Eldridge hit a free throw and Borden's Josh Vollstedt a bucket then with four seconds to go Borden's Vick was charged with an intentional foul giving CIA two free throws, converting one, and the ball as Borden came up short by three. Christian Academy walked away with the win 44 to 41.

Borden's Doc Nash said, "We got good shots but couldn't get them to go in. When you hit a low percentage of your shots you're not going to win a lot of games. This will be a growing experience for us."

Leading scorers for Borden were Vick 14 and Caleb Hart with 11.

Leading scorers for Christian Academy were Nic Reed 16 and James Martin with 12.