

## **Borden takes tough loss at Clarksville**

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The Borden Braves took on the Clarksville Generals at Clarksville Friday night. The class AA number two ranked Generals were guaranteed to be tough and they were as they handed the Braves their 4th loss out of 18 games, 61 to 52.

The Braves played hard against a tough Generals Defense. Losing the rebounding war and having difficulty penetrating the Braves only trailed 8 to 10 by the end of the quarter.

Clarksville's Calvin McEwen kept the pressure on with a pair of 3's and scoring half of their points for the half. Making several turnovers the Braves fell further behind in the second quarter trailing 17 to 28.

Trailing by fourteen three minutes into the third quarter the Braves rallied with an eleven point run fueled by 3's from Josh Vollstedt and Caleb Hart. The Braves continued to press the Generals outscoring them to trail only by five at the end of the quarter.

The first minute into the fourth Cody Craddock picked up a basket while Garret Vick hit two free throws to bring Borden within a point, 37 to 38. Fueled by a pair of 3's from Clarksville's Evan Guenthner the Generals pulled back to a seven point lead.

Borden played head to head with Clarksville down to one minute to play still trailing by seven points. Borden pressing to get the ball defensively put Clarksville on the foul line for six free throws and they converted for five points. Trading a couple baskets the Generals came out on top winning 61 to 52.

Borden coach Nash commented, "Our offense didn't function really well but our defense went as we had practiced. This is the best team we have played all year and we did well." When asked about the big run he added, "We figured out there was a game to win."

Clarksville coach Jason Connell said, "We weathered the storm and got over the hump. We made enough plays to win." When ask about the new series (third year) between the two teams

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he added, "I think it is great. Doc (Nash) and I are good friends and we have great games."

Leading scores for Borden: Vick 21 and Josh Vollstedt with 11.

Leading scorers for Clarksville: McEwen 21, Marquise Parrish 12 and Nick Jones 11.