

The Borden Lady Braves outlasted an all out stall during their trip to play their Southern Athletic Conference foe Henryville Thursday night. The host Lady Hornets started the game 5-0, before Borden scored. Borden finally got untracked late in the 2nd half, and went on to win.

In other action, the Lanesville Eagles were the spoil sports Friday night, when they upended the North Harrison Cougars 58-40 after the Cougars had crowned senior Kacey Cox their 2008-09 Homecoming Queen, and senior Zach Anderson as Homecoming King for 2008-09.

Girls' - Borden 30, Henryville 18 -

When you find yourself in a slowdown game, you have to be patient on offense, and get good shot opportunities. The visiting Borden Lady Braves didn't do that, either.

Borden fell behind 5-0 after a full quarter of play, and they were playing the tempo that Henryville dictated.

It took a long while for the Lady Hornets to strike first, though, as they didn't score first until 2:42 was left in the period, when freshman Allison Knox scored a deuce. Knox repeated the feat exactly 20 seconds later, and junior Abby Taylor scored a single free throw with 1:30 left in the 1st.

Borden finally got untracked when Andrea Rademacher hit a pair of charity tosses 11 seconds into the 2nd quarter, cutting the Henryville lead to 5-2.

The score remained 5-2 in favor of the hosts until Henryville's senior guard Katie Spellman hit a three from the baseline at 5:16, increasing the Lady Hornets' advantage to 8-2. Borden missed a chance to cut the deficit in half when they missed a pair of free throws at the 5:02 mark, and Taylor added another Henryville bucket 4:16.

Down 10-2, Borden went on a 6-0 run, with Rademacher scoring four free throws and a bucket, cutting the Henryville lead to 10-8.

Rademacher added another basket at 6:40 in the 3rd quarter, and the game was finally tied at 10-10.

Katie Guernsey gave Henryville another brief lead (12-10) with just over six minutes in the 3rd, but Rademacher once again hit a pair of free throws (5:54) to tie it up again.

Bethany Burrier gave the Lady Braves a lead they would never relinquish, when she canned a three point shot at 4:12 in the 3rd.

The 4th quarter saw Rademacher hit a pair of charity tosses and a basket to give Borden a 19-12 lead. Henryville called a time out with 4:55 left in the contest, but Borden kept up the scoring pressure.

Jordan Cook scored a lone free throw, Rademacher scored another basket, and Burrier hit a pair of freebies to give the Lady Braves a 24-12 lead.

Spellman then hit the second of a trio of three point shots, and Henryville called another time out with 1:34 left.

Rademacher then hit another pair from behind the line to help Borden to a 26-15 lead, and Spellman hit her third and final three of the contest at the 1:05 mark. A time out was called by Henryville coach Brian Guernsey immediately, and he set up the strategy for the final seconds.

In the final minute, Burrier hit a lone free throw, Rademacher hit a single free throw, and Rademacher then scored a final basket with 6.9 seconds in the game for the final margin.

Borden coach Charlie Gardner said he had scouted Henryville prior to the contest, and wasn't expecting the slow down approach to the game.

"I expected maybe a diamond and one, or a box and one," Gardner explained, "I didn't expect to take the air out of it so much."

For Gardner, it all came down to needing to have exhibit more patience on offense.

"We ended up rushing some shots," said Gardner. "We had to score to press (defensively); and we had to play offense before we could score."

"We wanted to win; it was a big win for us."

Rademacher hit 13 of 15 free throws, and led all scorers with 23 points.

Spellman led Henryville with 9 points, all on three point attempts.

Boys' - Borden 66, Christian Academy-Indiana 51 -

□□□ Borden can be thankful Christian Academy-Indiana (CAI) senior J. T. Taylor scored "only" 29 points. In an interview after the game Friday night, Borden coach Doc Nash had guessed that Taylor scored 30 points. With 29 in the scoring column, Nash was close. "He's a heck of a player," said an impressed Nash.

It turns out that the 29 weren't enough to give the Warriors the win at home, as visiting Borden came away with the double-digit win.

Borden got off to a 19-13 lead after a period of action, with Dalton Wagoner leading a balanced scoring attack. Wagoner had a trio of baskets in the opening quarter.

Wagoner and Michael Chester (10 points in the game) did stellar jobs in reserve roles, and their efforts didn't go unnoticed by Nash.

"We had two kids step up and play extremely well," said Nash. "They gave us a big lift in the first half, and it continued over into the second half."

Borden increased their margin by one point over the 2nd quarter, and led 36-29 at the half. Chris Beam was largely responsible for keeping Borden in front during the 2nd quarter, scoring eight points.

J. T. Taylor did his part in keeping CAI in the contest early; the senior had 15 points in the first half.

For CAI coach Josh Hutchinson, it was a simple reason why Borden was in control during the game, especially early.

"They were able to add to the lead, because we neglected to box out, and we made poor shots" Hutchinson said. "We were hurried, rather than quick. When you play hurried, that's when you turn the ball over."

Borden added to their lead in a big way in the 3rd quarter; when they outscored CAI 16-6 to take a 52-35 lead headed into the final quarter. The scoring was balanced among the Borden players.

Taylor added six points in the 3rd period, and eight in the 4th. He got the Warriors within 12 points with 4:05 left in the game, when he scored a traditional three point play.

About two minutes later, he got CAI within 62-51 when he scored another basket, but Borden scored a bucket and two free throws to seal the win.

Despite the win, Borden should never have let the game get so close towards the end of the contest.

The reason for that is simple, according to Nash. "We were careless with the ball at the end. We work on holding the ball every single day, and eventually we'll get it. I've got confidence we could hold it for eight minutes, if we wanted."

Despite the win, Nash is concerned about CAI come sectional play time, which is in March. And the reason for the concern was wearing no. 22 for CAI: J. T. Taylor, who scored 29 in the game.

"This is going to be a tough team, come sectional. They've got one guy that can go off for fifty. I can understand why he's gotten some 40 point games, with some of the shots he's made."

Borden girls survive stall by Henryville and win 30-18; Lanesville boys' spoil North Harrison's homecoming

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Hutchinson isn't one to believe in moral victories, but he sees the value in learning from a loss.

"In defeat, you learn more lessons than you do in victory," said Hutchinson.