

?Warriors end win drought in series against Brownstown

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??? It had been eight years since the Scottsburg Warriors beat the Brownstown Braves.

Despite having the game at home this season, the Braves were still favorites to come away victorious. Critics expected the one two punch of Blaze Ayers and Taylor Wischmeier to dominate on the boards, as well as in the paint.

They did out-rebound the Warriors 31 to 28, but the advantage on the boards was no match for the heart and hustle of Scottsburg on Friday, December 12.

The game was tight from start to finish, neither team leading by more than 7 points. At halftime, the score was 27-25 in favor of the Braves, but Scottsburg came out with increased intensity to combat the home team's size and athletic advantage.

As Brownstown extended to a two-possession game, the Warriors made a run to keep it close. With three minutes left in the fourth quarter, Ayers flushed a breakaway dunk to go ahead 6 points and silence the crowd in the Pressure Cooker.

At the moment that things seemed bleakest, the Warriors turned their game up a notch. They went on a 7-0 run to take the lead and did not look back from there.

Scottsburg held the lead in a game that came down to fundamentals and ball movement, winning by a score of 56-52. Matt Bridgewater led the Warriors in scoring again with 16, several of which came on offensive rebounds. Wischmeier had a good night with 20, but Ayers only had 9.