

## **BRAYMER TOPS SOUTHWEST**

The Braymer Bobcats traveled to Southwest Tuesday night and came away with a 72-58 victory. Due to weather and an open week in the scheduling, the boys' team was playing for the first time in nearly two weeks and the long layoff was very apparent.

The Bobcats looked very sluggish on the defensive end and coupled with a hot shooting Wildcat team, found themselves behind for most of the first half. The lone bright spot early on for Braymer was senior John Haley who scored the first eight points for his team.

The first half ended with the host Southwest Wildcats up by four points. The Braymer comeback in the third quarter was sparked by sophomore Brandon Taylor and freshman Jesse Utt. When Taylor scored and was fouled, his free throw gave the Bobcats their first lead of the night and one they would not relinquish. A strong third frame gave Braymer a double digit advantage going into the fourth quarter and they maintained that margin until they cleared the bench in the final minutes.

Braymer was led in scoring by John Haley with 21 points. John also collected 9 rebounds and dished out 6 assists in one of his better all-around games of the season. James Schreier picked up a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds while fellow senior Clayton Brown scored 14 points with 6 rebounds and a team leading 7 blocked shots. Trent Utt scored 8 points and added 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 7 steals.

Brandon Taylor had 7 points and 5 rebounds in limited minutes while Jesse Utt added 5 points and 2 rebounds. Dalton Owen scored the final 2 points for the Bobcats. Dylan Adkison passed out 2 assists and added 2 rebounds and senior Caden Shonk provided a rare blocked shot. Brett Willis and Nate Owen each picked up an assist late in the game.

Southwest was led in scoring by senior Kyle Larsen who poured in 30 points.

Up next for Braymer is Hardin-Central whom they will host on Friday night in their rescheduled Courtwarming game. The Bobcats are currently 15-3 for the season and received notification that they have received the #1 seed in the District 13 tournament to be played in two weeks.