

Marquette slips away from Mascoutah 51-47 in tight contest

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Marquette and Mascoutah battled all the way to the end, but the Explorers prevailed 51-47 led by a 10-0 burst in the third quarter.

Shandon Boone once again led Marquette in scoring with 19 points; Ben Sebacher had one of his best performances of the season on both ends of the court, scoring 12 points. Max Goepel had 11 points.

"It was a fun game," Marquette coach Steve Medford said. "The kids played hard and gritty."

The Explorers move to 13-4 overall with the win. Marquette plays at 5:30 p.m. against Pittsfield in the Jersey Tourney on Saturday.

Medford said the next five games for his club will be tough. Pittsfield will be a formidable opponent, the coach said.

"Pittsfield is well coached and very similar in how we play," he said.

Marquette jumped out to an early 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Mascoutah raced ahead to a 27-17 lead at halftime, then Marquette had the 10-0 burst to even the game and eventually pull away for the win.

