FDHS JV vs Broadway
January 13, 2022
At Fort Defiance High School

The Fort Defiance JV's dropped a 45 – 39 decision to the Broadway Gobblers Thursday night. Though this was a loss, the boys showed improvement from the previous time these two teams played when BHS won by 22.   The Indians were short-handed again as Del Ray Jones, Evan Braun, and Raymond Davis did not dress for the game.

Fort got off to a decent start with a free throw by Gio and a bucket by Gus Gutshall on a pass from Gio to give the Indians a 3 – 0 lead. But missed shots and turnovers again hurt FDHS as Broadway went out to a 6 – 3 lead. Gus scored again on a nice drive to get the Indians within one at 6 – 5 but from there is was all Gobblers who took a 12 – 5 lead at the end of the quarter, benefiting from a three pointer at the buzzer.

To start the second quarter, Gus remained on the bench after sitting out the last 90 seconds of the first quarter despite scoring five of the six points for FDHS and also pulling down six rebounds. He got back in with 6:22 to go but by that time BHS had built a 14 – 5 lead. Carter Fink, Gio, and Gus each had baskets then to get the score back to 14 – 11. However, Broadway scored the last four points of the half to take a 18 – 11 lead after two periods.

The onslaught continued to open the third quarter. Carter Berry had a turnover then Gio had two consecutive turnovers to help Broadway build up a 24 – 13 lead. After a couple of buckets by Carter Fink and two more from Gus coming on a nice feed from Carter Berry, the Indians were within four, 26 – 22 but once again Broadway hit a three pointer at the buzzer making the third quarter score 29 – 22.

Five turnovers in the fourth quarter squashed any hopes that Fort could regain the lead. The only points Fort could muster were two buckets by Carter Fink, one by Gus, and some free throws and a basket by Gio. The final score was 45 – 39.

This was Gus' best game of the season. He had ten points and twelve rebounds, giving him a double-double. He also had a nice shot block. He was 5 for 6 from the field.