

FDHS JV's Top Luray in Scrimmage on November 17

Fort Defiance High School began the 2022-23 Boys Junior Varsity Basketball season with a nice victory over Luray in a scrimmage on November 17. Though the scoreboard reset the score to 0 – 0 to start each quarter, the total of the four quarters' results was Fort 42, Luray 33. The Indians had trouble putting the ball in the basket in the first quarter but so did the Bulldogs. At the end of the first quarter the score was Fort 6, Luray 3 as only Evan Braun and Isaac Marshall were able to make buckets although both of theirs were three pointers.

Fort got its offense going in the second quarter led by Gus Gutshall who scored eight points in the quarter. Evan got the first bucket on an out-of-bounds play and Isaac hit another three pointer to make the score 5 – 5. Then Gus got going and scored three straight baskets on an offensive rebound and two nice assists from Carter Berry to run the lead to 11 – 8. Evan's two made it 13 – 8 then Gus scored again on a spin move with 0:43 to go to make it 15 – 8 in favor of the Indians. The Bulldogs closed to 15 – 11 at the end of the quarter. The overall total at the half was 21 – 14 FDHS.

The third quarter went Luray's way, 12 – 9 though Fort managed baskets by Evan on a three-pointer from the top of the key, Gus on a put-back after an offensive rebound, and Jasigh Ransome with a trey and a free throw. Lots of subs got to play in this quarter.

The starters returned in the fourth quarter. For some reason, the scoreboard didn't reset to start this quarter so it began with Luray holding a 12 – 9 lead. Soon Carter hit two jumpers in close to push Fort in front 13 – 12. Tripp Hanger's two on a layup off a fast break followed by two more from Carter on a layup with a nice assist from Isaac gave the Indians a 17 – 14 lead with 2:05 to go. Luray closed to 17 – 16 then Gus came up with a big block with 1:05 to go to thwart the Bulldog's drive. Isaac and Evan each had two down the stretch to give Fort the 21 – 19 second half win. The overall today was 42 – 33 in favor of FDHS.

The JV's had their share of turnovers for the game but Luray had even more. The leading scorers for the Indians were Evan with 12, Gus with 10, and Isaac with 8. Carter, Tripp, and Jasigh got 4 each.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gus Gutshall	5	0	0-2	10
Evan Braun	3	2	0-0	12
Isaac Marshall	1	2	0-0	8
Carter Berry	2	0	0-0	4
Tripp Hanger	2	0	0-0	4
Jasigh Ransome	0	1	1-4	4
TOTAL	13	5	1-6	42