

Fort JV Team Falls to Staunton 60 - 37

A basketball team can't expect good outcomes when they have 27 turnovers and shoot 5 – 15 from the free throw line. This is what happened to the Fort Defiance JV basketball team at Staunton on January 17. The undefeated Staunton Storm, 12 – 0, dominated Fort Defiance in all aspects of the game. The loss drops Fort's record to 8 – 5, 4 – 1 in the District.

Staunton had eight 10th graders on their Junior Varsity team. Fort was playing without Tripp Hanger who had a hurt leg.

Staunton, aided by three turnovers by FDHS, raced out to a 6 – 0 lead to start the game. Jasigh Ransome got Fort on the board with a drive. He was fouled on the shot and made his free throw to make the score 6 – 3. Staunton increased their lead to 10 – 3 thanks to four more turnovers by the Indians. For the quarter, FDHS had ten turnovers. Isaac Marshall hit a free throw to make the score 10 – 4 but Staunton added another deuce to go up 12 – 4. Gus Gutshall then scored with a nice shot using his left hand to make it 12 – 6 at the end of the period.

After Staunton hit a three pointer and field goal to increase their lead to 17 – 6, Carter Berry hit two free throws. Staunton went up 19 – 8 before Isaac made two three pointers sandwiched around a Storm score. At the buzzer, Isaac hit his third three pointer of the quarter to get Fort within six at 23 – 17 at the half. During the half, Fort had missed the front end of all three one-and-one free throws plus three other foul shots. Making those would have put the Indians in the lead but it did not happen.

The third quarter saw twelve more turnovers for FDHS. Meanwhile, Staunton moved out to a 27 – 17 lead before Jasigh scored for FDHS. Soon the score was 34 – 19. Gus then made a nice pass to Jasigh who broke Fort's dry spell with a jumper. Staunton increased the lead to 37 – 21 but Jasigh hit a three point buzzer beater to make the score after three quarters 37 – 24.

Rhyland Martin opened the fourth quarter with a bucket. After Staunton scored again, Rhyland again found the range to make the score 39 – 28. Staunton went up 43 – 28 then Jasigh hit another three pointer making it 43 – 31. The Storm hit a three pointer then Isaac hit his second three of the night to make it 46 – 34. From here, all Fort could manage was a free throw from Ayden Thorton and Jasigh on another assist from Gus. The final score was Staunton 60, Fort Defiance 37.

Jasigh led the Indians with 15 and Isaac scored 13.

Next up for the Indians is a battle with Stuarts Draft on Friday night.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gus Gutshall	1	0	0-0	2
Isaac Marshall	0	4	1-2	13

Ayden Thorton	0	0	1-2	1
Jasigh Ransome	4	2	1-3	15
Evan Braun	0	0	0-6	0
Carter Berry	0	0	2-2	2
Hunter Hamer	0	0	0-0	0
Rhyland Martin	2	0	0-0	4
Parker Blosser	0	0	0-0	0
TOTAL	7	6	5-15	37