

FDHS JV at Wilson Memorial High School
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Fort Defiance's JV's topped Wilson Memorial 40 – 37 on Tuesday, January 11 at the Wilson Memorial Gym. The JV's played without starting guard Gio.

As has been the story so far this season, bad shooting and turnovers remain Fort's biggest enemies. It doesn't seem to matter who the opponent is. The Wilson JV's were outmanned from the get-go in this one and Fort ran out to a 9 – 4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Wilson closed to 12 – 10 before Jalen hit a three pointer to give Fort a 15 – 10 lead. But Wilson responded with a three of their own to close to 15 – 13. Carter Berry rebounded an Isaac Marshall miss and scored. But Ashton Printy got the Hornets back within two with 2:05 to go. Though he missed two free throws, shortly thereafter Gus Gutshall made a nice spin move and scored to run the lead to 19 – 15. In the first half the Indians were only 1 out of 5 at the free throw line.

Gus didn't start either half. But he did score on a nice power drive to break a 21 – 21 tie in the third quarter. After Wilson tied the score, Carter Fink hit a three pointer to give Fort a 26 – 23 lead. Isaac Marshall followed with a three pointer but Wilson closed with a field goal then a three pointer near the end of the quarter to make the score 29 – 28 FDHS after three.

Fort's shooting went south to start the 4th quarter. After four straight misses, Wilson hit a three pointer to give them a 31 – 29 lead with five minutes to go. Ryland hit a field goal to tie the game. Then Gus made a nice block on a Wilson three point attempt, got the ball to Jalen who raced down the floor and scored, getting fouled on the play. His free throw returned the lead to 34 – 31 FDHS.

After a Ryland field goal pushing the lead to 36 – 31, Gus went out with 3:54 to go. Carter Berry scored off an in-bounds play but Wilson scored the next six points making the score 38 – 37 with 1:14 to go. Ryland missed a field goal on Fort's next trip down the floor but he hit on the one which followed making the final score 40 – 37 as Wilson was not able to get off a decent shot as time expired.