

Prep Roundup

## PREP ROUNDUP: Gobblers Defeat Fort In Slugfest

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Fort Defiance's Landon Simmons takes a shot against Broadway's Conner Barnes.

It's become almost an annual occurrence – a slugfest between Broadway and Fort Defiance.

And on Thursday, inside Don Landes Gymnasium, it was the Gobblers getting just enough offensive production to hold off the Indians in a gritty 33-24 victory on the road.

The two teams have become known for playing in a low-scoring, defensive battle at least once per season over the years and that trend continued Thursday.

Broadway limited Fort to a single-digit first-half scoring performance. The Gobblers led 15-8 at intermission.

Conner Barnes led Broadway (9-4) with 11 points while Breylon Miller finished with seven. The Gobblers, who have won back-to-back games after a three-game losing streak, also got six points from Caleb Barnes in the non-district win.

Henry Gutshall led Fort (4-5), which has now lost two in a row, with eight points while Tyreek Veney had six.

Broadway 6 9 5 12 — 33  
Fort Defiance 5 3 5 11 — 24

BROADWAY (33) — Ca. Barnes 2 2-4 6, Dove 1 0-0 2, Hutcheson 0 0-2 0, Michael 0 0-0 0, Jerichen 0 0-0 0, Hertzler 1 0-0 2, Gonzalez Santiago 1 0-0 3, Witmer 0 0-0 0, Co. Barnes 5 1-2 11, Santiago 1 0-0 2, Miller 3 0-2 7. Totals 14 3-10 33.

FORT DEFIANCE (24) — Simmons 1 0-0 2, Smith 1 0-0 3, Johnson 0 3-4 3, Jones 0 0-0 0, Patterson 0 0-0 0, Garber 0 0-0 0, Veney 2 2-7 6, Hebb 1 0-0 2, Liskey 0 0-0 0, Gutshall 3 0-0 8. Totals 8 5-11 24.

3-Point Goals — Broadway 2 (Gonzalez Santiago, Miller), Fort Defiance 3 (Gutshall 2, Smith).

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

Fort Defiance dropped its second straight game in a defensive struggle against Broadway Thursday night, 33 – 24. The 24 points scored by Fort represented the lowest number of points scored by the Indians in years. The Fort boys, 4 – 5 for the season now, just couldn't get the ball to drop against the tight man-to-man defense of the Gobblers.

Turnovers and missed shots were the norm in the first quarter. Fort didn't score until 2:40 to go in the quarter when Kaden Johnson was fouled after taking a nice pass from Henry Gutshall. Kaden made one of two free throws to make the score 4 – 1 in favor of Broadway. After Broadway ran the lead to 6 – 1, Kaden made a nice pass to Landon Simmons who scored to get the Indians within three at 6 – 3. Two free throws by Kaden ended the scoring for both teams in the quarter, 6 – 5.

Fort's defense was decent all night but their offense was sorely missing. In the second quarter, Henry drove the left hand side of the basket and scored on a nice jumper to give the Indians their first lead, 7 – 6. Unfortunately, that would be the last field goal that FDHS would score in the quarter. BHS outscored FDHS 9 – 1 after Henry's basket to give them a 15 – 8 lead at the half.

Kaden had two straight turnovers to start the third quarter and Tyreek Veney couldn't find the basket with his shots. Jack Liskey, Sam Garber, Drew Smith, Landon, and Henry likewise had missed shots in the quarter. The highlights for Fort were Henry taking the first of two charges of the night and a three pointer by Drew. The score after three was 21 – 13 in favor of the Gobblers.

Bradley Hebb and Sam had misses to open the fourth quarter. Finally Tyreek got a little going as he scored on a drive, then stole the ball and scored again to get the score to 23 – 17 with 3:18 to go. These were his only two field goals of the game. BHS then went on a run of their own, pulling out to a 27 – 18 lead. Henry then tried to get the Indians back in contention by hitting a three pointer with two minutes left. After a Broadway bucket, Henry again connected from three to pull Fort within five, 29 – 24 with one minute left. After a Broadway missed free throw, the Gobblers went over the back to get a rebound and score to put the game out of reach, 31 – 24. They closed with two free throws when Fort had to foul to make the final score 24 – 33.

This game was a low for Tyreek who has been averaging over 20 points per game. He scored only six points and was 2 – 8 from the free throw line. The Indians were led by Henry with eight points. Henry also drew his 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> charges of the season.

Here is Fort's box score for the game:

<b>Name</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Landon Simmons	1	0-0	2
Drew Smith	1	0-0	3
Kaden Johnson	0	3-4	3
Josh Jones	0	0-0	0
Conner Patterson	0	0-0	0
Sam Garber	0	0-0	0
Tyreek Veney	2	2-8	6
Bradley Hebb	1	0-0	2
Jack Liskey	0	0-0	0
Alphonso Bruce	0	0-0	0
Henry Gutshall	3	0-0	8
<b>FDHS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5-12</b>	<b>24</b>