

FDHS JV vs Riverheads High School  
January 8, 2022  
At Fort Defiance High School

Fort Defiance's JV's pulled out a 33 – 32 win over Riverheads in a game that almost saw them throw away a fifteen point halftime lead. Riverheads was behind the entire game until they went ahead 32 – 31 with 12.9 seconds remaining. Fortunately for Fort, Gio took the inbounds play, drove the entire distance, and scored as time expired to give the Indians the 33 – 32 win.

Turnovers and missed shots continued to plague the JV's throughout this game against an obviously undermatched county opponent. In the fourth quarter alone there were eleven turnovers committed by the home team.

The first quarter saw Fort push out to an easy 11 – 5 lead. Gus Gutshall began the scoring with a free throw. Isaac Marshall had a couple of buckets along with Austin. Gio hit a three pointer but the Indians committed a turnover and Riverheads scored at the buzzer to pull within six.

In the second quarter, the teams traded baskets in a quarter punctuated with missed shots and turnovers by FDHS. The score at the half was 15 – 9. Riverheads closed to 15 – 13 in the third but then Fort ran off 13 straight points to take a comfortable 28 – 13 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was a nightmare for Fort. In addition to the eleven turnovers, Fort couldn't find the basket with their shots. With 1:45 Riverheads had closed within five at 31 – 26. The next six points went to the Gladiators as they took the 32 – 31 lead with just under 13 seconds to go before Gio scored to give the Indians the victory.

This was the second game in a row that the only field goals Gus attempted came about by his getting offensive rebounds.