

FDHS JV vs Monticello High School
December 10, 2021
At Monticello High School

The Fort JV's dropped their first game of the season, 41 – 40, against the Monticello Mustangs on Friday, December 10 at Monticello. The boys dug themselves a huge hole in the first quarter, falling behind 15 – 0, and spent the next three quarters climbing out. They almost made it, and even took the lead in the fourth quarter, before missing a three point shot near the buzzer and even had a last-ditch flip with 0.2 seconds left that would not fall for them. It was a great comeback after such a horrible start.

Besides the unfortunate start, turnovers in the crucial third quarter doomed the Indians. One player accounted for six consecutive turnovers just as Fort was catching up.

The JV team was missing Bradley Hebb who was moved up to varsity for the game. The hole they dug themselves in the first quarter came about because they just couldn't get the ball in the basket. A free throw made the score 15 – 1 before Del Ray Jones drained a three pointer to make it 15 – 4 at the end of the first quarter.

Their second quarter was much improved. A Carter Fink putback reduced the deficit to 19 – 15 and they closed to 21 – 18 with 1:30 to go in the quarter before Monticello scored again to make it 23 – 18 at halftime.

Gus had gotten lots of rebounds and made nice passes in the first half but hadn't scored. That changed in the second half. He scored a jumper to make it 25 – 20 then Isaac Marshall hit a three pointer to close the score to 25 – 23. Then the turnover bug hit his team and they fell behind 31 – 23 with 1:35 to go. A free throw by Gus made it 32 – 26 in favor of Monticello after three quarters.

The Indians came out hot in the fourth quarter. Isaac his another three, Carter Fink a jumper, and Carter Berry made a short shot to give the Indians their first lead, 33 – 32. Monticello responded and went up 34 – 33 with 3:10 to go. Gus then hit a nice jumper from near the foul line to put the Indians back in front, 35 – 34. Monticello responded with a three pointer to take a 37 – 35 lead but Isaac hit another three to put Fort in front 38 – 37. Monticello responded to take a 39 – 38 lead. Fort missed the front end of a one-and-one but on the next trip down the floor Gus hit another nice jumper to put FDHS back in front, 40 – 39. But on their final trip down the court, Monticello's 6'5" center managed to get his shot in to give them a 41 – 40 lead. Fort then held the ball for the last shot, calling time out with 6.3 seconds to go. Carter Fink had a good look at a three pointer for the win but it wouldn't fall.

Surprisingly, Fort still got the ball back with 0.2 seconds left when Monticello threw it away. But with that little time left, the only hope was for a tip in. Gus took the inbounds pass and immediately flicked the ball toward the goal but it wasn't to be as Monticello held on for the 41 – 40 win.

For the game, Gus played superbly. He had many, many rebounds despite going against a much taller Monticello center. He had seven points and, perhaps best of all, ZERO turnovers.