

BOYS BASKETBALL

**Fort Defiance boys basketball team knocks off Rockbridge County**

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**F**ORT DEFIANCE — Fort Defiance notched its second win of the boys basketball season Tuesday night after the Indians escaped the Rockbridge County Wildcats 53-45 in nondistrict play.

Fort avenged a 53-46 loss to the Wildcats on Nov. 30 in Lexington.

The Indians raced to a 27-18 halftime advantage before Rockbridge County roared back to slice the deficit to 41-37 heading into the fourth quarter. Fort managed to restore order coming down the stretch behind 3-pointers from Sam Garber and Tyreek Veney.

Veney led the Indians with 20 points, half coming in the third quarter to keep the Wildcats from taking the lead. Veney finished with four triples, two in the third period.

Landon Simmons was the only other Indian to tally double figures with 11.

Fort (2-3) takes a short Christmas break before returning to action Tuesday at home against Monticello. The Indians begin their Shenandoah District schedule Dec. 30 at home for a visit from Riverheads.

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**Fort Defiance 53, Rockbridge County 45:** In Don Landes Gymnasium, Tyreek Veney hit four 3s as part of his 20 points and Fort Defiance defeated Rockbridge County 53-45 in non-district action.

Landon Simmons added 11 points for the Indians (2-3), who put nine different players in the scoring column, while Josh Jones added five points and Sam Garber chipped in with four of his own.

The Wildcats (3-5) were led by Faris Sikira with 12 points while Brandon Mays had nine.

Rockbridge County 8 10 19 8 — 45

Fort Defiance 11 16 14 12 — 53

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY (45) — Mays 4 0-0 9, Higgins 2 0-0 4, A. Poindexter 1 2-2 4, Owens 2 1-1 6, I. Poindexter 3 1-4 8, Entsminger 0 0-0 0, Sikira 5 2-2 12, Jay 0 0-0 0, Stores 0 0-0 0, Mulitalo 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 6-9 45.

FORT DEFIANCE (53) — Simmons 5 0-0 11, Johnson 1 1-2 3, Jones 1 3-6 5, Patterson 1 0-0 2, Garber 1 1-3 4, Veney 8 0-2 20, Hebb 1 1-2 3, Liskey 1 1-2 3, Gutshall 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 7-17 53.

3-Point Goals — Rockbridge County 5 (Sikira 2, Mays, Owens, I. Poindexter), Fort Defiance 6 (Veney 4, Simmons, Garber).

FDHS Varsity vs Rockbridge High School

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At Fort Defiance High School

Fort Defiance got revenge for its season opening loss to Rockbridge High School with a 53 - 45 win over the Wildcats in the FDHS gym on Tuesday night. Fort was behind 45 – 42 with 3:52 to go but ran off the last eleven points of the game to take the win, making their season record 2 – 3.

Fort came out blazing to start the game. Tyreek Veney hit a three pointer to open the game. Landon Simmons followed with a bucket then Tyreek hit a two pointer to make it 7 – 0. Rockbridge then got on the board with a couple of baskets to cut into Fort’s lead. Bradley Hebb scored with 1:52 to go to make it 9 – 8 FDHS and Jack Liskey closed the quarter out with a basket to leave the score 11 – 8 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter also belonged to Fort. Scoring came from a wide variety of players as Landon, Kaden Johnson, Conner Patterson, Josh Jones, and Henry Gutshall all got into the scoring column. Tyreek had two more and Landon hit a three pointer to give Fort a 27 – 18 lead at the break.

Tyreek and RHS exchanged three’s to start the third quarter. Henry, as he has done all season, took another charge to help Fort’s cause. Midway through the quarter the game took a strange turn. Bradley was fouled while driving to the goal. A mini-scuffle ensued and Josh Jones ended up with a technical foul. RHS took full advantage of the break, hitting both technical free throws and then scored on the inbounds to make the score 36 – 32. On their next possession, the Wildcats hit a three pointer to pull within one, 36 – 35. Tyreek then hit a three pointer and a two pointer to give Fort a 41 – 35 lead. RHS scored at the buzzer to make it 41 – 37 at the end of three quarters.

It got close in the fourth quarter. FDHS struggled at the foul line all night. RHS took its first lead at 42 – 41. Jack hit one free throw to tie the score but a turnover hurt Fort and RHS went up 44 – 42 with 5:02 to go. Another free throw gave them a 45 – 42 lead but that is the last the Wildcats would score. Sam Garber hit a big three pointer out of the corner to knot the score. Then Tyreek hit another three pointer to put FD back in front 48 - 45. Sam was then fouled and missed his one-and-one shot but Josh grabbed the rebound and scored to give FDHS a 50 – 45 lead. Fort closed the scoring with a free throw by Sam and bucket by Landon to give the Indians a 53 – 45 win.

Here’s Fort’s Box Score:

<b>Name</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Landon Simmons	5	0-0	11

Kaden Johnson	1	1-2	3
Josh Jones	1	3-6	5
Conner Patterson	1	0-0	2
Sam Garber	1	1-3	4
Tyreek Veney	7	0-2	28
Bradley Hebb	1	1-2	3
Jack Liskey	1	1-2	3
Alphonso Bruce	0	0-0	0
Henry Gutshall	1	0-0	2
<b>FDHS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7-17</b>	<b>53</b>