

FDHS vs Stuarts Draft High School  
February 1, 2022  
At Stuarts Draft High School

Fort Defiance won its second game in a row with a 55 – 51 victory over Stuarts Draft on the Cougars home floor Tuesday night. Fort built up a 14 point lead then held off Draft in the last few minutes to secure the win. Fort was led by Tyreek Veney who scored 22, Henry Gutshall with 13, and Josh Jones with 10. No other Indian scored over three points.

Each team opened with missed field goals. Then Landon Simmons found Henry Gutshall open down low and his left hander gave the Indians the first points of the contest. Stuarts Draft followed with a three pointer to take a 3 -2 lead but again Henry responded with a nice drive through three defenders to put FDHS on top 4 – 3. Tyreek Veney's two free throws pushed the lead to 6 – 3 before the Cougars responded with another three pointer to tie it. Both teams then stalled on offense until John Jones made a nice spin shot with 1:08 to go then followed that with a steal and layup. With 26 seconds to go Tyreek drained a three pointer to give FDHS a comfortable 13 – 6 lead at the end of the quarter.

Draft scored first in the second quarter as the Indians missed the mark on their first three shots in the quarter and also went 0 – 4 from the free throw line. Finally with 4:44 to go in the quarter Tyreek hit a pull-up jumper, was fouled, and completed the three point play to give FDHS a 16 – 8 lead. On the next series, Henry picked off a pass, fed Tyreek who missed his shot but Henry rebounded and put it back in. After a Draft bucket, Drew Smith hit a three pointer to push the lead to 21 – 10 with 4:05 to go in the quarter. Henry drew a charging foul with 3:17 to go but Fort turned the ball over. On Draft's next possession, Henry again drew a charging foul. Josh followed with a bucket to make the score 23 – 10 but the Cougars hit another three pointer and a free throw to get the score to 23 – 14 before Josh made a nice backhand layup to increase the lead to 11. Kaden Johnson's free throw and Tyreek's drive off a steal gave the Indians a 28 – 14 lead at the half.

FDHS opened scoring in the second half with a Tyreek drive off a steal to give them a 30 – 14 lead before Draft hit a three to make the score 30 -17. Tyreek's step-back jumper from the foul line made it 32 – 17. Josh's fade-away jumper gave FDHS a 17 point lead, 34 – 17. At this point, it seemed like Fort could cruise with 5:49 to go in the third. Draft answered with a three pointer. Tyreek followed with another step back jumper making the score 36 – 20 with 3:48 to go in the quarter. Draft responded with two free throws then two consecutive steals and layups to get within ten, 36 – 26. Henry rebounded a Tyreek miss and put it back in to put FDHS back up by 12. Then he bombed in a three pointer to give FDHS a 15 point lead with 51 seconds to go. Draft got a layup with 30 seconds left to the score to 41 – 28. After Sam Garber missed a jumper with 13 seconds to go, Draft hit a buzzer beater to get within 10 at the end of the quarter, 41 – 31.

Despite the lead, Fort's fans had reason to worry as the Indians have blown big leads in the fourth quarter in many games this season. Their worries were justified. The quarter started off

well as Henry drove down the left hand side for a score then Tyreek scored off a steal making the score 45 – 31. Draft hit a three then Bradley Hebb spun into the lane to make the score 47 – 34. Landon drove for two to make the score 49 – 34 with 5:25 to go. Draft replied with a three pointer then a field goal in the lane to keep the lead at 10 with 4:26 left. Then FDHS turned the ball over on four consecutive possessions. Draft cut the lead to 49 – 41 on two free throws with 3:14 to go. Another FD turnover allowed Draft to get to the free throw line again and they closed within six, 49 – 43. Henry’s missed free throw with 1:45 to go was followed by Draft’s jumper closed the margin to 49 – 45. Tyreek hit two free throws to give the Indians a six point lead with 1:18 to go. Draft got a close-in bucket with 1:08 left then Josh missed the front end of a 1-1. On the rebound, Fort fouled and Draft hit both free throws making the score 51 – 49. Tyreek’s turnover gave the ball back to the Cougars with just 51 seconds left. Fortunately, a held ball gave Fort possession but again the Indians threw the ball away. With 22 seconds left, Landon rebounded a Draft miss. After a timeout, Sam was fouled. He made one of his two shots. Fort fouled and Draft hit both free throws to make the score 52 – 51. Tyreek then calmly went to the free throw line and drained two shots with 10.8 seconds left giving FDHS a comfortable 54 – 51 lead. After a missed three point attempt by Draft, Kaden rebounded, was fouled, and hit both shots to close the scoring at 56 – 51.

Fort’s record now stands at 3 – 3 in the district and 6 – 8 overall.

Here’s Fort’s Box Score:

<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	2-6	2
Josh Jones	5	0-1	10
Conner Patterson	0	0-0	0
Sam Garber	0	1-4	1
Tyreek Veney	7	7-7	22
Bradley Hebb	1	0-0	2
Jack Liskey	0	0-0	0
Alphonso Bruce	0	0-0	0
Henry Gutshall	6	0-1	13
FDHS	21	10-19	55

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**Fort Defiance 55, Stuarts Draft 51:** Tyreek Veney poured in 22 points as Fort Defiance won its second in a row with a 55-51 victory over Shenandoah District opponent Stuarts Draft on the road.

Henry Gutshall added 13 points for the Indians (5-9, 2-4 Shenandoah) while Josh Jones had 10.

For the Cougars (3-11, 2-4 Shenandoah), Chase Schages had 16 points and Devin Brydge had 13.