

## **FDHS Crushes Luray in Scrimmage on November 17**

Fort Defiance High School began the 2022-23 Boys Varsity Basketball season with a blowout of Luray in a scrimmage on November 17. Though the scoreboard reset the score to 0 – 0 to start each quarter, the total of the four quarters' results was Fort 72, Luray 42 and that included the third quarter where FDHS played subs for most of the quarter and got outscored 22 – 14 by the Bulldogs. To open the season, the Indians went on a 9 – 0 blitz. Sam Garber opened the scoring with a nice assist from Henry Gutshall followed by two from Tyreek Veney. Henry then hit the first of his two three pointers with 5:38 to go and Tyreek scored on a fast break to make it 9 – 0 before Luray finally got on the board. Henry scored in close and, on the next possession, snared an offensive rebound with 4:02 to go and put it back in. Kaden Johnson finished off the first quarter scoring with a trey to give FDHS a 16 – 4 lead at the end of the period.

Fort continued its domination in the second quarter. Buckets by Tyreek off a steal, Connor Patterson on a nice pass from Bradley Hebb, Henry on a left handed sky hook, Del Ray Jones on a nice pass from Connor, Bradley from the free throw line, and Sam on a layup after a steal made it 12 – 0 in the first 3:30 of the quarter. Gio Armendariz Cruz made one of two free throws to make the score 13 – 3. Sam hit a three pointer from the top of the key and Tyreek closed Fort's scoring in the second on a fast break to make the score 18 – 7 in that quarter. The overall total at the half was 34 – 11 FDHS.

Lots of players got to see action in the third quarter. Jack Liskey hit a three pointer at the start of the period followed by Gio's field goal. Gio then made 1-2 from the free throw line. Luray went ahead 8 – 6 in the quarter but Gio tied it with a bucket and Connor made it 10 – 8 FDHS. Fort could only manage two more baskets in the quarter with a bucket each by Austin Metz and Kaden Johnson. Luray hit two consecutive three pointers near the end of the quarter to give them a 22 – 14 moral victory in the quarter.

The starters returned in the fourth quarter and again FDHS took control. Tyreek hit a three point bomb and later made 1 of 2 free throws. His drive pulled the Indians within one at 7 – 6 before Sam took a nice feed from Henry after his steal to give the Indians a 8 – 7 lead which they did not relinquish. Sam completed the three point play then Henry hit his second three pointer with 5:06 to go to push the lead to 12 – 7. Henry's jumper off the glass made it 14 – 10 then he found Sam loose under the basket for two more. Henry finished his scoring with a great spin move down the left side of the lane to push the score to 18 – 10. Bradley scored in traffic from in close then Sam got his first dunk to make the score 22 – 10. Tyreek finished the night with a drive at 0:34 and the quarter ended 24 – 12 in Fort's favor. The overall score was 72 – 42 in favor of FDHS.

Fort did a good job of mixing up zone and man-to-man coverage, limiting the Bulldogs to few good shots. Sam controlled the backboard and Henry had several good assists. Tyreek showed no ill effects of the ankle injury he had dealt with over the previous two months. FDHS did a fine job of handling the ball with very few turnovers. Ten Indians scored during the game, led by Tyreek and Henry with 16 each.

**Fort's Box Score:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>2 Pt Goals</b>	<b>3 Pt Goals</b>	<b>Free Throws</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sam Garber	5	1	1-2	14
Henry Gutshall	5	2	0-0	16
Tyreek Veney	6	1	1-2	16
Jack Liskey	0	1	0-0	3
Kaden Johnson	1	1	0-0	5
Bradley Hebb	2	0	0-0	4
Gio Armendariz Cruz	2	0	2-4	6
Connor Patterson	2	0	0-0	4
Del Ray Jones	1	0	0-0	2
Austin Metz	1	0	0-0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>72</b>