

TAHS JV's TOP FORT 38 - 32

In a game that featured droughts and spurts, Fort Defiance High School's Junior Varsity squad dropped a 38 – 32 decision to the Turner Ashby Knights at Fort Defiance on November 30. Playing their second game in two nights, again shooting and ball handling were not good for the young Indians.

The first quarter had no highlights for the Indians. Missing shot after shot and turning the ball over repeatedly, FDHS failed to score the entire period and fell behind 7 -0 going into the second quarter.

The second quarter the Indians looked like a different team. Carter Berry's layup finally got Fort on the board on a nice pass from Isaac Marshall. Moments later, Tripp Hanger bombed in a three pointer and suddenly the Indians were back in contention, 7 – 5. Rhylan Martin's jumper tied the game but he missed his opportunity to make it a three point play, missing Fort's fourth consecutive free throw. TA scored again and added two free throws to go up 11 – 7 but the Indians came back. Evan Braun took a pass from Gus Gutshall and drained a three pointer to make it 11 – 10. After TAHS hit a free throw, Tripp scored on a drive to tie the score then, moments later, scored on a layup to give Fort its first lead, 14 – 12. From that point, the Indians again went into a freefall and fell behind 16 – 14 at the break.

Opening the second half, Gus hit a nice ten footer to tie the score but TAHS went on a eight point binge to push their lead to 24 – 16. Finally Jasigh Ransome scored for the Indians, followed by Rhylan and another Jasigh layup after a steal to bring Fort within two, 24 – 22 at the end of the quarter.

Jasigh's free throw after a TAHS goal made the score 26 – 23 but the Knights hit a three pointer to go up 29 – 23. Tripp hit both free throws on a one-and-one with 4:58 to go to bring Fort within four. Jasigh's layup made it 29 – 27 but again TAHS hit a three pointer to go up 32 – 27. At this point, Gus rolled his ankle again and was forced to spend the rest of the game on the bench. Isaac hit a three pointer with 3:24 to go though he later fouled out on a terrible call by the officials, who struggled all night to run up and down the floor and call the game correctly. Evan's layup with 2:03 tied the score again and increased the home crowd's hopes of a nice come-from-behind victory. Unfortunately, another drought hit the Indians as they failed to score the rest of the game, plagued by multiple turnovers, and lost 38 – 32.

The Indians shooting percentage was poor for the entire night including the foul line where they made only 3 of 10 shots. No FDHS player scored in double figures. For Fort to start picking up wins, their shooting must improve as well as basic ball handling and passing.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gus Gutshall	1	0	0-0	2
Evan Braun	1	1	0-0	5
Isaac Marshall	0	1	0-0	3
Carter Berry	1	0	0-3	2
Rhylan Martin	2	0	0-2	4
Tripp Hanger	2	1	2-2	9
Jasigh Ransome	3	0	1-3	7
TOTAL	10	3	3-10	32