

Indians JV Team loses to Monticello 39 – 26

Plagued with way too many turnovers and missed shots, the Fort Defiance Indians Junior Varsity squad fell to Monticello 39 – 26 at MHS on December 29. The Indians managed only three field goals in the first half and four in the second. They turned the ball over at least seventeen times.

Carter Berry led the Indians with 12 points. Jasigh Ransome added seven. Isaac Marshall added three and Gus Gutshall two though neither played in the last quarter and a half. Tripp Hanger scored two points but no other Indian scored. The Indians were without the services of Rhyland Martin and Evan Braun who were apparently out of town.

In the first quarter, Monticello scored first but Isaac answered with a three pointer to give FDHS its only lead of the game at 3 – 2. Several turnovers later, Fort found itself down 9 – 3. Jasigh hit one of two free throws to pull within 9 – 4 but Monticello scored twice more to make the first quarter score 13 – 4. During the quarter, Fort managed to attempt only four shots from the field thanks to Monticello's swarming defense and Fort's turnovers.

After a Mustang free throw, Jasigh again hit one of two free throws to make the score 14 – 5. Gus then took a pass from Isaac and used his left hand for a bucket in close to get the Indians within seven but again Monticello responded with a basket to make the score 16 – 7 with a minute to go in the half. Jasigh then got a layup after a steal, making the score 16 – 9 which is how the half ended.

Monticello made the game a runaway in the third quarter, scoring the first ten points. Carter finally broke the drought for Fort with two after an offensive rebound, leaving the score at 26 – 11. After another Mustang basket, Jasigh scored on a layup, was fouled, and made his free throw to make the count 28 – 14. Carter hit one of two free throws with 1:29 to go but Monticello once again capitalized on multiple FDHS turnovers to go up 33 – 15 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Carter did a good job of getting to the free throw line where he made seven of nine shots plus a field goal. In fact, the Indians outscored the Mustangs 11 – 6 in the quarter but it was too little, too late as Monticello claimed a 39 – 26 win, breaking the Indians' four game win streak.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Tripp Hanger	1	0	0-0	2
Isaac Marshall	0	1	0-0	3
Carter Berry	2	0	8-12	12
Jasigh Ransome	2	0	3-6	7
Gus Gutshall	1	0	0-0	2
TOTAL	6	1	11-18	26