

## **Riverheads Three Pointers Doom Indians, 48 - 45**

Riverheads hit 13 three pointers including six in the fourth quarter to squeak out a 48 – 45 win over the Fort Defiance Indians on January 6 in the FDHS gym. For the game, Riverheads only had three two point field goals and three foul shots but banged in 13 treys to give them a come-from-behind victory over Fort. The winning shot was made as time expired and broke a 45 – 45 tie. The loss gives Fort a 6 – 4 record for the season while the Gladiators improved to 3 – 5.

It was a very disheartening loss for FDHS which led 36 – 30 going into the fourth quarter. Tyreek Veney scored 12 for FDHS, all three pointers, while Henry Gutshall scored 10. Henry had a particularly good game. He missed only one shot from the field, had a steal and several rebounds and hit a crucial three pointer in the fourth quarter. But, inexplicably, Coach Brandon Fulk had him on the bench for the last 2:25 of the game. The Indians could have used his level headedness as they turned the ball over with a bad pass with 28.9 seconds left in the game to give Riverheads a chance for the game-winner.

Kaden Johnson had a good shooting night for the first time this season, hitting two three pointers and 2 – 2 from the free throw line for eight points. Bradley Hebb pitched in six. For the Gladiators, Carter Mooneyham had 18, including five three pointers, and Bennett Dunlap had 15, all coming on treys.

Fort had a poor shooting first quarter, making only one field goal in the first seven minutes. Riverheads opened with a three then Tyreek tied it with a three of his own. Sam Garber hit one of two free throws then Riverheads went up 5 – 4. Henry made one of two foul shots to tie it but Riverheads hit a field goal and two foul shots to go up 9 – 5. Gio Armendariz Cruz made one of two from the foul line to get Fort within one with 1:10 to go. Bradley Hebb then drove the lane for a deuce to get the Indians within one at 9 – 8 but Riverheads began its three point barrage to go up 12 – 8. Bradley made another basket just as time expired to make it 12 – 10 after the first period in favor of RHS.

Bradley scored again to tie the game to start the second quarter. Gio then tipped in a missed shot to give the Indians a 14 – 12 lead but Riverheads tied it at 14. Del Ray Jones then hit a three pointer to make it 17 – 14 in favor of the Indians but once again Mooneyham struck from three to tie the game then hit another to make it 20 – 17, RHS. Henry made both ends of a one-and-one to pull FD within one at 20 – 19 but Mooneyham once again buried his shot from beyond the arc to give Riverheads a 23 – 19 lead. Henry's spin shot in the lane made it 23 – 21 and that's the way the first half ended.

It was an unusual half for Fort's two leading scorers. Tyreek only had three at the break and Sam only one. Riverheads played with only eight players dressed for the game.

The third quarter was Fort's best quarter of the night. Kaden finally got his shot on track with a three pointer to give the Indians a 24 – 23 advantage. Henry took a nice pass from Sam and scored to make it 26 – 23. Riverheads knotted the score with a Dunlap three pointer but then Kaden and Tyreek each hit three pointers to give Fort a 32 – 26 advantage with 4:02 to go. Henry made a nice steal and Gio followed with a drive to push the lead to 34 – 26. After a

Riverheads foul shot, Kaden hit two free throws with 38.3 seconds left to give FDHS a 36 – 27 lead, their largest of the night. Dunlap hit another three pointer to make it 36 – 30 at the end of the quarter.

Another three pointer pulled Riverheads within three at 36 – 33 to open the fourth quarter but Henry answered with a three to push the lead back to 39 – 33. Riverheads then hit four straight three pointers, three by Dunlap, to go from six down to six up at 45 – 39. Tyreek then hit two treys in a row to tie the game with 2:25 to go. The score remained unchanged, with each team having opportunities to take the lead, until Riverheads got the last possession and Henley Dunlap buried a three from the corner as time expired.

FDHS returns to action on Tuesday, January 10, hosting Wilson Memorial.

### Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gio Armendariz Cruz	2	0	1-2	5
Bradley Hebb	3	0	0-2	6
Kaden Johnson	0	2	2-2	8
Conner Patterson	0	0	0-0	0
Sam Garber	0	0	1-4	1
Tyreek Veney	0	4	0-1	12
Jack Liskey	0	0	0-0	0
Del Ray Jones	0	1	0-0	3
Jalen Alexander	0	0	0-0	0
Henry Gutshall	2	1	3-4	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7-15</b>	<b>45</b>

### Riverhead's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gabe Milo	2	0	0-1	4
William Gardner	0	2	0-0	6
Carter Mooneyham	1	5	1-3	18
Henley Dunlap	0	1	0-0	3
Chris Brooks	0	0	0-0	0
Aden Slack	0	0	0-0	0
Bennett Dunlap	0	5	0-0	15
Jackson Brammer	0	0	2-2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>48</b>

