

Fort JV Team Crushes Waynesboro, 62 – 21

The Fort Defiance JV basketball team won its fourth game in a row with a 62 – 21 shellacking of Waynesboro on January 13. It was the best offensive performance of the season for the Indians. Eight players scored and seven of them had at least one three pointer. In the first quarter alone, five different players hit three pointers: Isaac Marshall, Tripp Hanger, Carter Berry, Rhyland Martin, and Jasigh Ransome. The win improves Fort's record to 8 – 4, 4 – 0 in the District.

Jasigh started the party with a three pointer. After Waynesboro tied the game at 3's, Isaac popped in a trey. Both teams cooled off for several minutes until Tripp hit his triple with 3:15 to go. Rhyland got his three pointer on the next possession, then Carter hit his to make the score 17 – 5. Carter then got three consecutive field goals, the first on a layup, the second on a nice hook shot, and the last on a drive to make the blowout score 23 – 7 after the first period.

Gus Gutshall scored in close to open the second quarter. A couple of turnovers allowed Waynesboro to close to 25 – 11 then Carter hit two free throws with 4:23 to go. The score remained 27 – 13 until 1:24 to go when Isaac hit a two pointer. Tripp scored on a layup after taking a nice pass from Jasigh to make it 31 – 13. Gus again scored in close and Tripp added a drive to make it 35 – 13 at the half.

The slaughter continued in the third quarter. Evan drove the baseline for two, then Jasigh scored from the side. Evan scored, was fouled on the play, and made his free throw to make it 42 – 13 with 5:13 to go. Waynesboro hit a triple but Jasigh answered with a steal and layup to make it 44 – 16. Waynesboro narrowed the lead to 44 – 19 before Isaac hit another three pointer. Tripp then scored on consecutive break-aways to make the score 51 – 19. Waynesboro scored again then Carter used his left hand to score. At the end of the quarter, Parker Blosser bombed in a three pointer and Ryland hit one of two free throws to give the Indians a very comfortable 57 – 21 lead at the end of the period.

With the game being so one-sided, the officials let the clock run the entire time in the fourth quarter. Fort got baskets from Gus and Evan while the Little Giants failed to score. The final score was FDHS 62, WHS 21.

Leading Fort in scoring was Carter with 13 and Tripp with 11. Jasigh had nine, Isaac and Evan eight, Gus six, Rhyland four, and Parker three.

Next up for the Indians is a battle with unbeaten Staunton on Tuesday night. The Storm is 11 – 0, 4 – 0 in the District and shares the top spot in the standings with Fort Defiance.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gus Gutshall	3	0	0-0	6
Isaac Marshall	1	2	0-0	8
Tripp Hanger	4	1	0-1	11

Jasigh Ransome	3	1	0-0	9
Evan Braun	2	1	1-1	8
Carter Berry	4	1	2-3	13
Hunter Hamer	0	0	0-0	0
Rhyland Martin	0	1	1-2	4
Parker Blosser	0	1	0-0	3
TOTAL	17	8	4-7	62