

Staunton outguns Fort Defiance 54 - 37

The Staunton Storm proved to be too much for the Fort Defiance Indians in the Paul Hatcher gym on January, 54 – 37. SHS won every quarter though FDHS kept close in the first half. The loss drops Fort to 8 – 6 overall, 3 – 2 in the Shenandoah District where they are now tied for third place with Stuarts Draft behind the Storm and Wilson Memorial.

Staunton's Manny Chapman dominated play in the first, scoring the first eleven points for SHS while Fort was only able to get a two-pointer from Bradley Hebb to make the score 11 – 2. Chapman hit three three pointers and a deuce in the first four minutes of the contest. Henry Gutshall finally got Fort Defiance rolling with a three pointer from the top of the key to make it 11 – 5. Staunton answered with a field goal before back-to-back three pointers by Tyreek Veney and Kaden Johnson got FDHS within two, 13 – 11, at the end of the quarter.

Fort didn't get closer the rest of the game. Staunton hit a two pointer to push their lead to 15 – 11. Early in the second quarter, Henry picked up his second foul so he was forced to sit out for six minutes of the period. With him out, Staunton quickly scored to make it 17 – 11. Bradley got FD within four with a driving field goal but Staunton answered with a foul shot and field goal to take a 20 – 13 lead. Tyreek drove for two to narrow the lead to five. Staunton then scored again and Bradley hit one of two free throws to make it 22 – 16 with 1:51 to go in the quarter. After SHS increased their lead to nine with a three pointer, Sam Garber buried a three pointer then Henry returned to the court and hit one of two free throws to narrow the score to 25 – 20 at the break.

In the second half, Staunton scored first to make it 27 – 20 but Henry took a nice pass from Sam and scored to make it 27 – 22. With the score 28 – 22, a significant play took place as the referees, who had struggled to watch the game closely the entire night, made a terrible call when Staunton clearly kicked the ball out of bounds but were awarded the ball. The Fort crowd went berserk, as they should have, and Coach Brandon Fulk was tagged with a technical. Staunton hit the two free throws on the technical and scored on the out-of-bounds which gave them a 32 – 22 lead. This was potentially a six point swing as FDHS should have gotten the ball out of bounds but instead SHS scored four points without FD touching the ball. On Fort's next possession, Kaden was slammed to the ground on a deliberate attempt to maim him by the Storm player but a flagrant foul was not called. This was a travesty and Kaden spent the rest of the game on the bench nursing his hurt leg. It was typical of the kind of refereeing FDHS had to deal with on Staunton's home court.

The Storm was the better team but didn't need nor deserve such poor referees. At times it seemed like it was five against eight for the Indians. FDHS was already playing hurt as Gio Armendariz Cruz was not dressed for the game and Tyreek had two fingers on his shooting hand bandaged.

Fort did manage to score five more points in the quarter. Tyreek drove, scored, and was fouled. He hit his free throw. Later he drove again for two but FDHS fell behind 39 – 27 after three periods.

Staunton scored first in the fourth quarter but Tyreek answered with another deuce. SHS then increased their lead to 45 – 29 before Sam popped in another three pointer. After SHS hit a three pointer, Henry hit a nice hook shot to make it 48 – 34. Time was running out for the Indians so after Tyreek drove for two more, Staunton scored six consecutive points so both coaches emptied the bench with 1:28 to go. Fort’s last point came on a free throw from Carter Fink. The final score was 54 – 37.

Tyreek led the Indians with 14. Henry scored eight and Sam six. Chapman led the Storm with 20. Three other Staunton players scored in double figures.

FDHS is back in action at home this coming Friday with an important game against Stuarts Draft.

Fort’s Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Kaden Johnson	0	1	0-0	3
Bradley Hebb	2	0	1-2	5
Conner Patterson	0	0	0-0	0
Sam Garber	0	2	0-0	6
Tyreek Veney	5	1	1-1	14
Jack Liskey	0	0	0-0	0
Del Ray Jones	0	0	0-0	0
Jalen Alexander	0	0	0-0	2
Henry Gutshall	2	1	1-4	8
Alphonso Bruce	0	0	0-0	0
Austin Metz	0	0	0-0	0
Carter Fink	0	0	1-2	1
TOTAL	9	5	4-9	37

Staunton’s Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Prodigy Sims	2	0	2-3	6
Maaliah Cabell	5	0	3-7	13
Alex Stell	1	0	0-0	2
Andre Johnson	0	0	0-0	0
Ammanuel Chapman	4	4	0-0	20
Terry Tucker	0	0	0-0	0
Jonathan Moore	0	3	2-2	11
Braylen Fields	0	0	0-0	0
Howard Kilgore	0	0	0-0	0
Kayden Jackson	1	0	0-1	2
Debron Vest	0	0	0-0	0
Levi Rodriguez	0	0	0-0	0

Payton Dunn	0	0	0-1	0
TOTAL	13	7	7-14	54

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Staunton boys basketball team overwhelms Fort Defiance

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Fort Defiance's Tyreek Veney drives to the basket against the Storm on Tuesday in Staunton.

Chris Lassiter, For The News Virginian

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STAUNTON — Staunton put three players in doubles figures Tuesday night, and the Storm's defense limited Fort Defiance to just 17 points in the second half in a 54-37 victory over the Indians in Shenandoah District boys basketball action.

"Defensively, I thought we were pretty good in the first half. The guys played so hard on defense, but we had trouble scoring," said Staunton head coach Terrell Mickens. "We continued to play well on defense in the second half, and we were starting to make some shots."

Staunton point guard Manny Chapman owned the first three minutes of the game. Chapman started the scoring with a 3-pointer from the right corner and then knocked down a pull-up jumper from 12 feet out for a quick 5-0 Storm lead. After a bucket by Bradley Hebb, Chapman moved to the left corner for a three and then hit a step-back 3-pointer from the top of the key to put Staunton on top 11-2.

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The Indians battled back with 3-pointers from Henry Gutshall, Tyreek Veney and Kaden Johnson to trail by just two points, 13-11, after one quarter.

A dunk by Staunton big man Maaliah Cabell and a 3-ball by teammate Jonathan Moore gave Staunton its biggest lead of the first half, 25-16. A 3-pointer by Samuel Garber and a free throw by Gutshall pulled Fort back to within five points, 25-20, at the half.

Staunton used a 7-0 spurt in the third quarter to push its lead to double figures. A 10-footer by Chapman and a layup by Alex Stell capped the run, giving the Storm a 34-22 lead. Veney and Chapman traded 3-pointers before a steal and layup by Prodigy Simms pushed the Staunton cushion to 39-25. A jumper by Veney cut the Staunton lead to 39-27 at the end of three quarters.

Chapman poured in a game-high 20 points for the Storm, followed by Cabell with 13 and Moore with 11. Veney paced the Indians with 14.

Chapman's scoring outburst was a pleasant sight for Mickens.

"We're 11 games in, and Manny's been struggling a little at the offensive end," Mickens said. "He came out and was aggressive at the offensive end. It was good to see his shots fall. We have a three-headed monster at guard (Chapman, Simms and Moore), and all three of those guys can score in bunches. Tonight it was Manny's night."

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FORT DEFIANCE (37) — Hebb 2 1-2 4, Gutshall 3 1-4 8, Veney 6 1-1 14, Johnson 1 0-0 3, Garber 2 0-0 6, Fink 0 1-2 1, Patterson, Metz, Jones, Alexander, Bruce, TOTALS 14 4-9 37.

STAUNTON (54) — Chapman 8 0-0 4, Cabell 5 3-7 13, Jackson 1 0-1 2, Moore 3 2-2 11, Dunn 0 0-1 0, Simms 2 2-3 6, Stell 1 0-0 2, Johnson, Terry, Fields, Kilgore, Vest, Rodriguez, TOTALS 20 7-14 54.

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