

Fort JV Team Rolls Over Riverheads, 51 - 37

For the second time this season, the Fort Defiance JV basketball team blasted Riverheads. The second matchup ended in a 51 – 37 win for the visiting Indians on January 31. The win improved Fort’s record to 11 – 5 overall, 7 – 1 in the Shenandoah District.

The game was similar to the varsity game which followed: Riverheads scored first to take its only lead of the game, 2 – 0, then Fort took over and led the rest of the way. At first, FDHS had its usual troubles with turnovers and missed shots but finally, with 3:51 to go in the quarter, Carter Berry scored off an offensive rebound to knot the score, 2 – 2. Isaac Marshall banged in a field goal on an assist from Jasigh Ransome to make it 4 – 2. Gus Gutshall then scored on a putback after an offensive rebound to make it 6 – 2. Isaac closed the first quarter scoring with an offensive rebound stickback of his own to make it 8 – 2.

Riverheads scored to close to 8 – 4 to open the second quarter. Then Gus found Ayden Thorton open with a nice assist to make it 10 – 4. A rash of turnovers then hit the Indians though Riverheads could manage only two free throws after a flagrant foul was called on Tripp Hanger. Jashigh’s score after another offensive rebound made it 12 – 6. Once again Fort benefited from an offensive rebound as this time Isaac scored to make it 14 – 6. Isaac made his first shot on a one-and-one foul to make it 15 – 6 before Riverheads hit a three pointer to close to 15 – 9. Carter hit one of two free throws then Isaac scored on a drive to increase the lead to 18 – 9. The quarter ended after Jasigh banged home a three pointer giving the visitors a 21 – 9 lead at the half.

Fort got outscored 14 – 12 in the third quarter but that was the only quarter they lost. Carter’s two from Isaac came right before Tripp hit a three pointer to make it 26 – 9. Riverheads scored to make the score 26 – 11 then Jasigh had a scoring spurt. First he got an offensive rebound and scored. Then he got two on a layup after a steal. A second steal and layup of his gave the Indians a commanding 32 – 11 lead. After Riverheads scored five in succession, Gus found Jasigh open again in three point land and he buried the jumper to make it 35 – 16. Riverheads scored the final seven points of the quarter so FDHS led 35 – 23 after three periods.

The fourth quarter saw FDHS finally get the range on their foul shots. The Indians made 10 – 12 from the charity stripe during the quarter. Tripp was 4 – 4 and Jasigh was 6 – 6 in the period. Tripp had a nice floater for two early in the quarter and Evan Braun scored on a nice pass from Gus. The Gladiators got no closer than nine points during the quarter. Jasigh’s putback after an offensive rebound made the score 45 – 34 with 1:40 and the Indians hit their free throws down the stretch to pull out the 51 – 37 win.

Jasigh led the Indians with 22 points. Isaac and Tripp had nine each. Carter pitched in five. Gus, Evan, and Ayden each had two. The boys are scheduled back in action on Wednesday night with a make-up game at Turner Ashby.

Fort’s Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
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Gus Gutshall	1	0	0-0	2
Isaac Marshall	4	0	1-4	9
Tripp Hanger	1	1	4-4	9
Jasigh Ransome	5	2	6-8	22
Evan Braun	1	0	0-2	2
Carter Berry	2	0	1-2	5
Hunter Hamer	0	0	0-0	0
Rhyland Martin	0	0	0-0	0
Ayden Thorton	1	0	0-0	2
TOTAL	15	3	12-20	51