

Turner Ashby JV's Thwart Indians 40 - 26

For the second time this season, the Fort Defiance JV basketball team took it on the chin from the Turner Ashby Knights. This time TAHS won 40 – 26 on their home court on February 1. The loss dropped Fort's record to 11 – 6 overall, 7 – 1 in the Shenandoah District.

The blame for this loss is no different from the other losses FDHS has suffered this season: poor ball handling and lousy shooting. The Indians turned the ball over six times in the opening quarter and only made one shot the entire period. In the first half, they only made three baskets. They missed their first six free throws. And it didn't help that the officials for the contest were incompetent.

TAHS went out to a 3 – 0 lead to start the game. Fort didn't score until nearly five minutes had gone by in the quarter when, finally, Evan Braun scored on a drive. Still, Fort was only behind 5 – 2 until the closing seconds of the period when TAHS hit a three pointer to take a 8 – 2 lead.

After TAHS went up 10 – 2, Isaac Marshall finally found the range for a three pointer. TAHS extended their lead to 12 – 5 when Isaac again hit a trey with 2:15 to go. TAHS got the final two points of the half and took a 14 – 8 lead into the locker room.

Opening the second half, Evan scored again but again the turnover bug hit the visitors. TAHS extended their lead to 18 – 10 before Carter Berry got a deuce in close to make it 18 – 12. Turner Ashby scored the next six points before Carter scored again on an assist from Jasigh Ransome. The third quarter ended with the home team ahead 25 – 14.

Fort showed some life to start the fourth. Jasigh got a layup then Isaac hit his third triple of the night to get the Indians within six at 25 – 19. But the bottom dropped out of their comeback effort, aided by a technical foul against the Fort coach which resulted in two free throws and another score for Turner Ashby. Soon TA was up 31 – 19. Jasigh's three pointer got the Indians within nine at 31 – 22. But the only other points FDHS could score down the stretch were two free throws from Tripp Hanger and a floater in the lane from Tripp. The final score was 40 – 26.

Isaac had nine points for the night. Jasigh had five while Evan, Carter, and Tripp each had four. The boys will play at Wilson Memorial on Friday night.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gus Gutshall	0	0	0-2	0
Isaac Marshall	0	3	0-0	9
Tripp Hanger	1	0	2-2	4
Jasigh Ransome	1	1	0-1	5
Evan Braun	2	0	0-3	4
Carter Berry	2	0	0-0	4
Rhyland Martin	0	0	0-0	0
TOTAL	6	4	2-8	26