

Staunton completes sweep of Fort Defiance 53 - 36

The Staunton Storm led the entire way to a convincing 53 - 36 win over the Fort Defiance Indians at FDHS on February 10. Staunton ran its District-leading record to 17 - 4, 10 - 1 in the Shenandoah District, as they out shot and out rebounded the home team on Senior Night at the Don Landes Gym. Fort fell to 12 - 9, 6 - 5 in the Shenandoah District. The Indians are now in third place in the District and complete their regular season Monday night at Stuarts Draft.

Staunton opened the game with back-to-back three pointers. Fort's shooting was ice cold. After a Staunton field goal making it 8 - 0, FDHS finally got on the board with a deuce from Sam Garber. Sam and Tyreek Veney led the Indians with 10 each for the night. Fort's shooting continued off target and they fell behind 10 - 2 with 3:04 to go in the quarter. Tyreek finally found the range on a drive to leave the score 10 - 4 at the end of the quarter.

Another three pointer and a field goal for the Storm put the Indians in a 15 - 4 hole to start the second period. Sam hit another jumper with 5:00 to go and Henry Gutshall followed with a left hander to make it 15 - 8 with 3:09 left. Tyreek was fouled on a drive and hit both of his free throws to get FDHS within five at 15 - 10. After a Storm field goal, Sam passed to Henry who then found him open on a give-and-go to pull Fort back within five at 17 - 12. Unfortunately, FDHS didn't get closer the rest of the evening. Staunton hit another three pointer to go up 20 - 12. Sam got a nice assist from Del Ray Jones to make it 20 - 14 but again Staunton responded with a trey and a field goal. Gio Armendariz Cruz floated a jumper in the lane as time expired which made the score Staunton 25, Fort 16 at the break.

The game was probably Fort's sloppiest of the year. Multiple players made multiple turnovers. Confounding Fort's misery was Staunton's ability to hit three pointers. For the game, they made eight of them.

The third quarter began with another two pointer from Sam. After a Staunton bucket, Kaden Johnson drilled home a three pointer to make it 27 - 21 but again the Storm popped in a trey to go up 30 - 21. Tyreek hit two free throws with 4:28 to go then both teams were unable to score for several possessions. Finally Staunton hit another three pointer to make the score 33 - 23 with just over three minutes to go in the quarter. Tyreek drove for two but Staunton tacked two more on to make it 35 - 25. As he has done in almost every game this season, Henry drew another charging foul but the Indians couldn't capitalize. Staunton took advantage of multiple turnovers to end the quarter with a commanding 39 - 25 lead.

After yet another three pointer by Staunton, Henry hit a nice jumper in the lane to make it 42 - 27. Staunton's Maaliah Cabell then got two consecutive highlight reel dunks which pleased the visiting crowd. Tyreek's two free throws made it 46 - 29. Del Ray popped in two on a nice pass from Kaden then he hit a three pointer which made the score 47 - 34. Staunton scored again to go up 49 - 34 with 56 seconds remaining. At that point, Coach Brandon Fulk emptied his bench. Carter Fink was able to score near the buzzer making the final score Staunton 53, Fort 36.

Besides Tyreek and Sam's ten points, Del Ray had five and Henry four. It was a tough offensive night for the Indians. Prodigy Simms led the Storm with 18. Nine Staunton players scored.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gio Armendariz Cruz	1	0	0-0	2
Kaden Johnson	0	1	0-0	3
Bradley Hebb	0	0	0-0	0
Conner Patterson	0	0	0-0	0
Sam Garber	5	0	0-3	10
Tyreek Veney	2	0	6-6	10
Jack Liskey	0	0	0-0	0
Del Ray Jones	1	1	0-0	5
Jalen Alexander	0	0	0-0	0
Henry Gutshall	2	0	0-0	4
Alphonso Bruce	0	0	0-0	0
Carter Fink	1	0	0-0	2
TOTAL	12	2	6-9	36

Staunton's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Prodigy Sims	6	2	0-0	18
Maaliah Cabell	3	0	1-2	7
Alex Stell	0	3	0-0	6
Andre Johnson	2	0	0-1	4
Ammanuel Chapman	1	1	0-0	5
Terry Tucker	0	1	0-0	3
Jonathan Moore	0	0	0-0	0
Jack Jones	0	2	0-0	6
Braylen Fields	1	0	0-0	2
Howard Kilgore	0	0	0-0	0
Kayden Jackson	0	0	0-0	0
Debron Vest	0	0	0-0	0
Levi Rodriguez	0	0	0-0	0
Payton Dunn	1	0	0-0	2
TOTAL	14	8	1-3	53