

## **Big Second Half Pulls Fort Defiance JV Team Past Stuarts Draft, 47 - 36**

The Fort Defiance JV team fell behind 23 - 14 midway in the second quarter then scored 14 unanswered points over the next quarter and a half for a 47 - 36 win at Stuarts Draft on February 13 in the last regular season game for the Indians. The victory gave the Indians a 14 - 7 final season record, 10 - 2 in the Shenandoah District. The JV Indians finished second in the District behind Staunton. The District playoffs will be announced soon.

The JV team has been plagued with turnovers all season long and this game started in the same fashion with two straight turnovers. Then Tripp Hanger took a pass from Carter Berry and scored to make it 2 - 0. Stuarts Draft hit two free throws to tie the score. After another FD turnover, Draft went up 5 - 2 with 4:29 to go. Carter's two made it 5 - 4 then Draft scored again for a 7 - 4 advantage. On an in-bounds play, Evan scored in the paint and was fouled. When he made his free throw the score was tied. Draft then got a field goal and free throw to go up 10 - 7. Gut Gutshall, who returned to the court for the first time after receiving a nasty elbow to the eye in the second quarter of Friday night's Staunton game, made a nice spinning shot to get the visitors within one, 10 - 9, at the end of the first quarter.

Draft scored to open the second quarter then Gus scored again in close to close the gap to 12 - 11. Draft hit a three pointer to go up 15 - 11 then Carter made a nice left handed shot on a drive down the lane. Draft then came up with a field goal and three pointer to go up 20 - 13. Tripp got one of two free throws to fall then Draft hit yet another three pointer for their largest lead of the night, 23 - 14. This turned out to be their last score until midway in the next period. Meanwhile, Ayden Thornton scored on an assist from Tripp then Isaac Marshall bombed in a three pointer to get the Indians within four at halftime, 23 - 19.

Fort kept rolling in the third period, scoring the first nine points to take the lead. First Tripp got a layup. Evan Braun then scored on a drive to tie the game. Jasigh Ransome hit one of two free throws to put FD up 24 - 23. Isaac then hit another three pointer and Carter one of two free throws to give the visitors a 28 - 23 lead. Draft finally scored, pulling within three at 28 - 25. Gus then banged in one of two free throws so the quarter ended with FDHS up, 29 - 25.

Isaac started the fourth quarter with his third three pointer of the night. After Draft scored, Jasigh hit two free throws to push the lead to 34 - 27. Evan got two points on a put back after an offensive rebound before Draft hit a three pointer to make the score 36 - 30. Jasigh hit one of two free throws then Evan again scored in the paint to make it 39 - 30. After a SDHS three pointer with 2:15 to go, Tripp took a long football-style pass from Isaac which gave him a layup and the Indians a 41 - 33 lead. Draft had to foul down the home stretch. Gus made one of two foul shots and so did Jasigh to give the Indians a 43 - 33 lead. Isaac then hit both of his free throws and, after a Draft free throw, Gus knocked in two more to make the score 47 - 34. Draft got the final two points of the night on foul shots. The final was Fort 47, Stuarts Draft 36.

**Fort's Box Score:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>2 Pt Goals</b>	<b>3 Pt Goals</b>	<b>Free Throws</b>	<b>Total</b>
Jasigh Ransome	0	0	5-9	5
Tripp Hanger	3	0	1-2	7
Isaac Marshall	0	3	2-2	11
Gus Gutshall	2	0	4-6	8
Evan Braun	4	0	1-1	9
Rhylan Martin	0	0	0-0	0
Carter Berry	2	0	1-2	5
Ayden Thorton	1	0	0-0	2
Parker Blosser	0	0	0-0	0
Hunter Hamer	0	0	0-0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14 - 21</b>	<b>47</b>