

Broadway Bests Fort Defiance 88 - 73 in Season Opener

Broadway had little trouble overcoming the new Fort Defiance offense and defense systems with a 88 - 73 beat down of the Indians on November 28 in the Don Landes gym. Fort's inability to shoot well was a big factor in the loss. Fort's three point shooting, an important part of the new offense Coach Mike Gale has installed, was terrible. If FDHS had simply made its free throws it would have won the game but they missed 18 shots from the charity stripe in a foul-filled game. Plus, well-coached BHS adjusted to Fort Defiance's helter-skelter pressing defense and got numerous easy baskets, dooming the season opener for the home team playing in front of a very sparse crowd.

Broadway outshot the Indians, opening up the game with two treys to take a 6 - 0 lead before Bradley Hebb hit two free throws with 6:33 to go. Jasigh Ransom made one of two foul shots to pull FD within three but BHS made two free throws to go up 8 - 3. Gus Gutshall then made a nifty move into the lane and flipped up a pretty one-hander to get the Indians within three. BHS took a 11 - 5 lead before Sam Garber hit a field goal. After a BHS free throw, Sam hit a three pointer to make the score 12 - 10 in favor of the visitors. Carter Fink then picked up a Bradley miss and put it in to knot the score with 2:20 to go. BHS took a two point lead before Sam hit another field goal. FDHS took its first lead, 15 - 14, when Carter Berry made one of two foul shots. BHS quickly retook the lead 16 - 15 but Evan Braun made one of two foul shots to tie the score. Austin Metz then popped in a three pointer with 9.7 seconds to go to push Fort's lead to 19 - 16. Broadway closed with quarter with a free throw, leaving it 19 - 17 after one period.

During the period, Coach Gale rapidly platooned five new players every minute or so. All players, except for Gio Armendariz Cruz who was still nursing a concussion injury, saw action and eight scored led by Sam's seven points in the quarter.

The second quarter was the beginning of the downfall for the home team. Initially Fort maintained its lead as Sam made another field goal and hit two free throws. Meanwhile, Broadway ran up a 35 - 23 lead with 4:35 to go in the quarter before Del Ray Jones finally got Fort going with a three pointer. Sam made two more free throws and Carter Fink scored again in the paint. Both Trey Miller and Evan completed a three point plays after snaring offensive rebounds but Broadway kept its lead at 45 - 36 at the half.

During the half, many of the Indians launched three point attempts but only three went in. Also worrisome at this point was that Sam picked up his third personal foul with 58 seconds remaining.

Broadway extended its lead to 13 by the end of the third quarter including a basket on an out-of-bounds play with 0.4 seconds on the clock. Fort's scoring for the quarter included two pointers by Jalen Alexander, two driving layups by Jasigh, a put-back by Evan, a three pointer from Jasigh, a layup by Carter Berry, and another three pointer from Sam.

Fort's fourth quarter was marred with poor free throw shooting. In this quarter alone the Indians missed ten foul shots. Broadway quickly opened up its largest lead of the night at 69 - 52 before Bradley made two free throws. Carter Fink made one of two free throws, then Jasigh and Carter

Berry got two pointers to drop. Carter added two foul shots to make the score 73 - 61. Carter Fink added a foul shot then Sam and Carter each scored in close to make it 79 - 66 with 3:17 to go. Jasigh scored on a drive then hit a trey but the closest Fort got was 82 - 71 with 2:05 left in the game. Fort's last point was scored by Jalen on a foul shot. The final score was BHS 88, FDHS 73.

Tristan Yoder led Broadway with 23 points. For the game, Fort shot only 51% from the free throw line.

Coach Gale's platooning system runs many players in and out of the game but not all play the same amount. Gus only saw a total of three minutes of action during the game including zero in the fourth quarter. As his grandfather writing this article I am puzzled as to why this happened. If his teammates had been playing well perhaps I could understand it more. But those on the court had many, many turnovers, fouls, missed shots, and played a defense so porous that a mediocre Broadway team was able to score 88 points. In Gus' short time on the court he was one for one in shooting and had zero turnovers. Even the WHSV video which showed highlights of the game included Gus' field goal.

Fort's Box Score:

Name	2 Pt Goals	3 Pt Goals	Free Throws	Total
Gio Armendariz Cruz	0	0	0-0	0
Bradley Hebb	0	0	2-4	2
Jasigh Ransome	4	2	3-4	17
Carter Fink	3	0	2-5	8
Trey Miller	1	0	1-1	3
Sam Garber	4	2	4-6	18
Austin Metz	0	1	0-0	3
Evan Braun	2	0	2-7	6
Rhylan Martin	0	0	0-0	0
Del Ray Jones	0	1	0-0	3
Tripp Hanger	0	0	0-0	0
Jalen Alexander	1	0	2-6	4
Gus Gutshall	1	0	0-0	2
Carter Berry	2	0	3-4	7
TOTAL	18	6	19-37	73

Yoder Helps Guide Gobblers To Victory Over Fort In Opener

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Fresh off an all-state showing during the fall cross country season, Broadway junior Tristan Yoder quickly got to work on the hardwood on Tuesday in a season-opening road victory.

The 6-foot guard poured in 22 points, grabbed nine boards, and dished out four assists as the Gobblers ran past Fort Defiance 85-73 in boys basketball action at Don Landes Gymnasium. Junior forward Braden Burkhalter scored 18 points on an efficient 9-of-11 shooting performance for Broadway, which outscored the Indians by 15 over the second and third quarters combined.

Senior guard Conner Michael, a multi-sport standout for the Gobblers, was solid running the show with 15 points, eight rebounds, and four assists, while senior forward Jet Gonzalez built off a breakout junior campaign by debuting with 14 points, seven boards, and four assists as well.

Sophomore guard Victor Diaz-Hernandez had nine points and seven rebounds for Broadway.

For the Indians, who are in their first season under head coach Mike Gale, a FDHS Hall of Famer who most recently coached the girls team and is known for his chaotic offensive style termed "The Grinnell System," they struggled to get going from deep, hitting just 6 of 37 trey attempts.

Despite the loss, there were some bright spots as senior forward Sam Garber finished with 15 points and seven rebounds, while sophomore guard Allen Ransome also debuted with 15 points.

Senior forward Carter Fink was solid with eight points and four rebounds for Fort, while junior forward Carter Berry scored seven points, and senior for-



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Broadway head coach Dwight Walton yells to his team.

ward Dell Ray Jones had 11 rebounds.

Both teams are back in action this week as the Indians (0-1) will travel to Bridgewater on Thursday to take on Turner Ashby which is coming off an extended postseason run with its football team, in a boys-girls varsity double-header inside Larry S. Pence Gymnasium, while the Gobblers (1-0) will host Monticello in the annual Broadway Tip-Off Classic on Friday.

Broadway 17 28 20 23 — 88
Fort Defiance 19 17 16 21 — 73
BROADWAY (1-0) — E. Post 1-2 0-0
 2, V. Diaz-Hernandez 3-6 2-4 9, S. Post 0-10 4-4, J. Gonzalez 4-6 6-8 14, C. Michael 5-9 2-2 15, B. Ray 2-7 0-0 4, T. Yoder 9-24 1-8 22, B. Burkhalter 9-11 0-0 18, Totals 33-78 11-20 88.

FORT DEFIANCE (0-1) — B. Hebb 0-6 4-6 4, A. Ransome 6-12 1-2 15, C. Fink 3-4 2-5 6, T. Miller 5-5 1-1 3, S. Garber 5-13 4-6 15, A. Metz 2-5 0-0 6, E. Braun 2-8 2-7 6, R. Martin 0-2 0-0 0, D. Jones 1-4 0-0 3, T. Hanger 0-10 0-0 0, J. Alexander 1-2 2-6 4, G. Gutshall 1-1 0-0 2, C. Berry 2-3 3-4 7, Totals 24-75 19-37 73.

3-Point Goals — Broadway 5-24 (C. Michael 3-3, T. Yoder 1-8, V. Diaz-Hernandez 1-2, S. Post 0-7, J. Gonzalez 0-2, B. Ray 0-2), Fort Defiance 6-37 (A. Metz 2-5, A. Ransome 2-4, S. Garber 1-8, D. Jones 1-3, T. Hanger 0-9, T. Miller 0-4, E. Braun 0-3, B. Hebb 0-2, C. Fink 0-1)

Rebounds — Broadway 55 (T. Yoder 9), Fort Defiance 48 (D. Jones 11), **Assists** — Broadway 22 (S. Post 7), Fort Defiance 9 (B. Hebb 4), **Turnovers** — Broadway 21, Fort Defiance 20.

reer points in the setback for the Rams.

Strasburg (0-1) returns to action on Dec. 5 for its home opener against Sherando.

Girls Basketball

East Rockingham 57, Luray 39: Senior standout guard Lauren "LT" Townsend opened her senior year in emphatic fashion, pouring in a team-high 15 points to lead a well-balanced East Rockingham effort in a non-district rivalry home win over Luray to open up the season.

Sydney Short, a freshman, was the only other player to hit double digits in the scoring column for the Eagles with 10 points, while classmate Maya Ramirez was also solid with eight.

Sophomore Izzy Knorr, junior Reagan Sipe, and freshman Kelsey Hatton added five points apiece for East Rockingham, which put 10 total players in the scoring column in the win.

For the Bulldogs, senior guard Maggie Foltz finished with a team-high nine points, while senior Emily Donovan and sophomore Ella Parlett, both guards, finished with seven points apiece.

The Eagles (1-0) return to the hardwood on Thursday for a non-district matchup at Page County (0-1), while

Luray (0-2) will play host to Broadway (1-0) in a non-district battle on Friday.

LURAY (0-2) — M. Foltz 3-2 3-9, C. Cochran 0-0 0-0, M. Moore 1-0 0-3, L. Parlett 1-2 4, E. Parlett 3-1 3-7, P. Aigner 2-1 5-5, A. Couper 1-0 0-2, E. Donovan 2-3 3-7, J. Parlett 1-0 0-2, Totals 14 8-13 39.

EAST ROCKINGHAM (1-0) — I. Knorr 2-0 0-1, R. Sipe 2-0 0-5, S. Short 4-2 5-10, K. Hatton 2-0 2-5, L. Campbell 1-1 4-3, C. Eppard 1-2 4-4, H. Lucas 0-1 2-1, K. Vaughn 0-0 0-1, L. Townsend 6-2 4-15, M. Ramirez 1-5 6-8, M. Darcus 0-1 2-1, Totals 19 14-30 57.

3-Point Goals — Luray 3 (M. Foltz, M. Moore, L. Parlett), East Rockingham 5 (I. Knorr, R. Sipe, K. Hatton, L. Townsend, M. Ramirez).

Broadway 51, Fort Defiance 48: Junior wing Wren Wheeler erupted with a double-double of 20 points and 14 rebounds in Broadway's season-opening home victory over Fort Defiance.

Wheeler was 10-of-16 from the charity stripe and had a pair of 3-pointers in the big win for the Gobblers, while senior wing Maya Bacon was solid as well with 11 points and four boards.

April Gingerich, a talented sophomore guard, finished with eight points for Broadway, while sophomore forward Hannah Tinnell scored five, and freshman Mady Ennis added four.

As for the Indians, they were led by standout senior guard Trinity Hedrick with 20 points.

Sophomore guard Jayden Hostetter scored 10 points for Fort, while Mia Alexander, a senior

guard, added eight points, and Calleigh Wilkerson, a junior center, finished with seven.

The Gobblers (1-0) will hit the road Friday for a non-district contest at winless Luray (0-2), while the Indians (0-1) travel to Turner Ashby (1-0) on Thursday for a non-district battle.

Fort Defiance 53 28 14 — 48
Broadway 16 13 6 16 — 51
FORT DEFIANCE (0-1) — C. Cruz 1 0-0 3, T. Hedrick 9 1-5 20, J. Hostetter 3 3-8 10, M. Alexander 4 0-0 8, M. Frizelle 0 0-0 0, C. Wilkerson 3 1-4 7, Totals 19 15-48.

BROADWAY (1-0) — K. Runion 1 0-0 2, W. Wheeler 4 10-16 20, H. Tinnell 2 1-1 5, A. Gingerich 3 2-3 5, E. Yoder 0 0-0 0, M. Bacon 2 7-10 11, M. Ennis 1 2-2 4, A. Shantzolt 0 0-0 0, L. Dingus 0 1-2 1, Totals 13 22-35 51.

3-Point Goals — Fort Defiance 5 (T. Hedrick 3, C. Cruz, J. Hostetter), Broadway 2 (W. Wheeler).

Central 61, James Wood 46: Senior forward Makenna Painter erupted for a monster double-double of 25 points and 24 boards in a season-opening victory at James Wood.

Sophomore wing Kynli Hoover was the only other player in double digits for the Falcons with 11 points, while senior forward Peyton DiNardo added four points and a team-high 11 boards.

Central junior Amori Williams and sophomore guard Vanessa Gordon added seven points each.

The Falcons (0-1) will return to action on Thursday at non-district opponent Stuarts Draft.

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