

By Simon Baumgartle    Special Correspondent    The 2-8 Floyd Central Highlanders visited the 4-6 North Harrison Cougars in a game where both teams had something to prove.

The Highlanders beat Jeffersonville the week before and looked to get something going this week. North Harrison had won back to back games against Scottsburg and Eastern. "This was a big game on both teams schedules, both teams wanted to win." said North Harrison's Coach Walter.

The Cougars had the upper hand for the majority of the game, the Highlanders kept it close all game and both teams made big plays on both sides of the ball. The first quarter ended with NH up 16-9 and as both teams started to settle in, the half ended with the Cougars up 31-26.

To begin the third quarter the Highlanders came out swinging. Myles Ervin and Tyler Kimm both hit big three point shots, which put them up 32-31. The Cougars got back into the game and were able to keep it tied at 44 to end the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter the Cougars kept themselves sitting nicely, they were up by two possessions for most of the quarter. The Highlanders made a comeback to give the game an insane finish. Down 65-67 and under a minute to go, the Highlander's Connor Sturgeon made a free throw and missed the next one, which was rebounded by teammate Cameron Simpson, who made the layup and gave his team the lead 68-67 with six seconds left. Before you could say that the Highlanders had won, Cougar's Chandler Jenkins took the ball down the court, made the game winning layup and got a foul. Jenkins sealed the win with the final shot to make the final score 70-68 North Harrison. "As a team we've been preaching defense and keeping the games in the 50s and low 60s and we were able to do that tonight." Coach Walter said. He also said "We went on a four game losing streak and so we've turned that into a three game winning streak. So we're real proud of that. and we're just trying to build on that."

Cory Smith led NH in points with 19 (three 3 point shots) and a big 3 point shot that he got fouled on, which led to his team getting 4points late in the game. Austin Nolot had 12 points.

Myles Ervin led FC with 17 points (one 3 point shot) and JC Kinnaird had 16 points.

The Cougars (now 5-6) will look to even out their record with a win against Lanesville (8-5) Friday night.

Floyd Central (2-9) will try to get back on track with a win against 6-6 Jennings County.