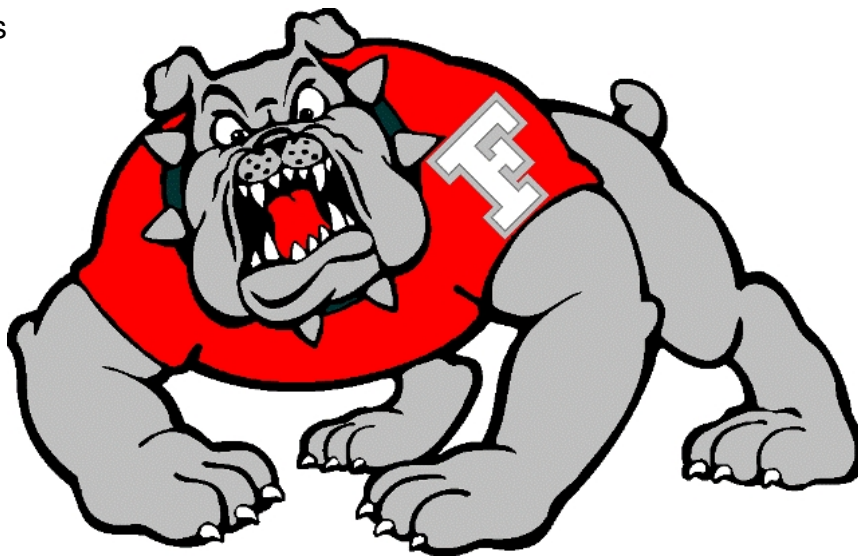


By JASON EPP

Leader & Times



No.1 Forgan made 15 of 31 three-point attempts to come from behind in the second half to win the Buffalo Invitational Tournament championship over No.2 Fargo, 65-47.

After trailing at half 26-21, Forgan exploded for 28 points in the third quarter. The Bulldogs took the lead midway through the third, and led 49-38 heading into the fourth.

“At half, we got ourselves composed, made a couple of adjustments on defense, and made a lot of shots in the second half,” Bulldogs coach Todd Kerr said. “They ran the same defense in the second half that they did in the first. We changed a little bit, moved the ball better, and played with a little more confidence. Had some guys step up and hit some big shots. At that

point the pressure turned and got on them and then the game went our way.”

Fargo had made the decision to pack their defense in the lane to keep Forgan from driving to the basket, and force them to make outside shots.

Forgan finished off the Bearcats with a 16-9 advantage in the fourth to win by 18.

In the first quarter, Fargo held Forgan to just 8 points, and led 13-8 heading into the second. The two teams played the second even (13-13) to lead the Bearcats up by five at half.

We had a tough first half,” Kerr said. “We didn’t play the way we felt like we ought too. Early in the game I thought we missed some shots we normally make. We got a little tight, and things just didn’t go our way. Sometimes the game is hard. It was hard for us in the first half.”

While Forgan got hot from beyond the arc, they were abysmal inside it, making only 6 of 25. The Bulldogs were 8 of 14 from the line.

Fargo lived in the lane making 18 of 33 2-pointers, and only 2 of 17 from 3-point range. The Bearcats hurt themselves at the line, making only 5 of 14.

“It’s different every night,” Kerr said. “The margin of error is not going to be much with several good teams. I don’t know about the rankings and all that. They exposed a few weaknesses, and this time of year that’s a good thing. We’d rather know now that when we get to the playoffs and it’s too late to get it right. Every one of these challenges is a great way to learn so we can continue to get better.”

Jake Regier scored 29 to lead the Bulldogs, and was named tournament MVP. Chandler Bryer was also named all-tournament.

Forgan (18-1) will host Southwestern Heights (9-4) Tuesday night.

Shattuck 71, Forgan 61 (girls)

The Shattuck Lady Indians have become an all too familiar foe for the Lady Bulldogs with an all too familiar result. For the fourth time this season, including all three tournaments, Shattuck found a way to get past Forgan, 71-61.

Kenzi Taylor did her best to keep the Lady Bulldogs within striking distance, finishing the game with 30 points. KaDawn McReynolds scored 12, Gabby Morales added 11.

Shattuck took an early 18-14 lead in the first quarter, and exploded in the second for 24 points. Forgan scored 15 in the second, but still trailed 42-29 at half.

Forgan was able to play with Shattuck in the third, but could not make up any ground with both teams scoring 18, leaving the Lady Bulldogs still trailing by 13 (60-47) heading to the fourth.

Forgan had a 14-11 advantage in the fourth, but it was too little too late as the Lady Indians went on to win by 10.

Forgan (13-6) will host Southwestern Heights (8-5) Tuesday.