

# Kortokrax Reaches Milestone as Kalida Rallies for OT Win

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Kalida outscored Fort Recovery in overtime Friday night as the Wildcats opened the season with a 61-59 non-league boy's basketball win.

The win was the 695<sup>th</sup> for Kalida Coach Dick Kortokrax tying him with Paul Walker for most wins by an Ohio coach. Kortokrax has a record of 695-249, while Walker was 695-159, although several of his wins came in Kentucky. Kortokrax became the winningest basketball coach in the state of Ohio two years ago.

To achieve the record, Kortokrax's Wildcats had to overcome a quick start by the Indians.

Fort Recovery had a 14-10 first quarter lead and then extended it to 31-24 at the break with a 17-14 scoring advantage in the second quarter.

Kalida came out of the locker room and started to chip away at the lead outscoring the Indians 9-6. The Wildcats finished the comeback in the fourth quarter as they outscored the home team 20-16 to force overtime.

In the overtime, the Wildcats outscored their opponent 8-6 for the win.

Nick Maag led the Wildcat win with a game high 25 points as he hit three three-pointers. Maag and Rick Schnipke both pulled down four rebounds as did Bryan Schnipke and Ryan Schroeder.

Greg Snyder led the Indians with 17 points as he hit four three-pointers. Tobe added 12 points, all on three-pointers and Bihn also had 12 points.

For the game, Fort Recovery hit 11 three-pointers compared to five for Kalida. Kalida held the advantage at the free throw line as they outscored the Indians 16-6.

## Kalida 20-65 5 16-22 61

Maag 4-3-8-25. Schroeder 1-1-1-6. R. Schnipke 2-1-2-9. Schulte 2-0-1-5. B. Schnipke 1-0-3-5. Rampe 0-0-0-0. Smith 0-0-0-2-2. Maxwell 1-0-0-2. B. Unverferth 2-0-1-5. A. Unverferth 0-0-0-0. Janka 1-0-0-2.

## Fort Recovery 10-45 11 6-7 59

Nienkamp 1-2-1-9. Snyder 2-4-1-17. Roessner 2-1-0-7. Meiring 1-0-0-2. Bihn 4-0-4-12. Tobe 0-4-0-12. Koesters 1-0-0-2.

Kalida 10 14 9 20 8 61

Fort Recovery 14 17 6 16 6 59

Reserve – Kalida 51 and Fort Recovery 46

Rebounds: Kalida 24 (Maag, Schroeder, R. Schnipke and B. Schnipke – 4)

At the time, it was thought that this was Coach Kortokrax's 695<sup>th</sup> win. The actual 695<sup>th</sup> win came the next game against Allen East when Kalida won by a score of 56-51.