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**TWO FOR FRED**—Fred Estrada (12) of the Lakers goes up to shoot two of his 14 points against the Royals in Sunday's AYA final playoff game, which the Lakers won, 37-20. Trying to guard him are the Royal's Rocky Gardner (13) and Mike Kelly (19). Estrada was the high scorer in the upset victory.

—U. S. Air Force Photo by Master Sergeant Therrien

## AYA Basketball News

In the opening game of the American Youth Activities (AYA) basketball tournament, the Pistons eliminated the Warriors, 28-21. Danny Wood was high for the Pistons with nine points, while Jarret Mallory picked up eight for the Warriors.

The second game saw the Bullets come from behind to beat the Hawks 35-30. Ron Davis hit 11 for the victors and Rick Black netted 10 for the Hawks.

The first semi-final game pitted the Lakers against the Bullets. The Lakers, who held the Bullets to only four points in the last half, won it 34-19 behind John Eskola's 17 points. Doug Ortweine tallied six for the losers.

The Royals had to come from behind a three-point halftime deficit to overcome the Pistons, 38-31. Carroll Granger had 20 for the Royals, while Danny Wood bagged 13 for the Pistons.

That put the Royals and the

Lakers in the final game of the tournament, played Sunday. They finished the regular season 1-2 with the Royals on top with a 9-1 record.

The Lakers upset the favored Royals, and much of the credit for the surprise victory goes to Fred Estrada for his defensive play, which held the usually-high-scoring Carroll Granger to just three points in the first half while the Lakers racked up a 13-8 edge.

The Lakers caught the Royals napping and increased their margin by four, 17-8 and promptly went into a stall. This forced the Royals to come out after the ball and they began to run into foul trouble. The Lakers scored 10 of 11 foul shots and widened their lead even more. They held on and recorded a 37-20 victory.

Fred Estrada took the honors for the Lakers with 14 points, and Carroll Granger was the high man for his team with 10.