

Bitburg Gains Class B Berth

It's Heidelberg vs. Madrid for USDESEA Title

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RHEIN-MAIN, Germany (S&S) Heidelberg's top-seeded Lions and Madrid's scrappy, spirited, thieving Knights triumphed here Friday to storm into Saturday night's Class A title game of the USDESEA basketball championships.

Madrid pulled out a 62-57 semifinal victory over Frankfurt before a screaming capacity crowd in Pitts Memorial Gymnasium,

RHEIN-MAIN, Germany (S&S)—The Baumholder Bucs knocked out top-seeded Karlsruhe here Friday night, gaining the Class B finals of the USDESEA championships with a 54-52 victory over the Knights.

The fourth-seeded Bucs won the game at the free throw line, sinking 20 out of 39 tries to Karlsruhe's 6-for-10. The Knights made 23 field goals to the Bucs' 12.

and quick-starting Heidelberg later turned back Nuernberg, 64-54.

Bitburg's Barons, the No. 3 Class B seeds, made it into the finals by nudging second-seeded Berlin on some clutch free throws in the waning moments, 65-61. Top-seeded Karlsruhe battled fourth-seeded Baumholder

Class A

MUNICH			HEIDELBERG				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Gwodzik	13	1-3	27	Bissell	12	7-12	31
Flaherty	7	2-4	16	Thaxton	1	0-0	2
Pauley	3	1-3	7	Delaney	6	2-2	14
Geist	0	0-0	0	Fountain	2	2-3	7
Herring	3	2-4	6	Wood	4	1-2	9
Valdez	0	1-3	1	Faul	6	1-4	12
				Deeter	0	1-2	1
				Waddell	1	0-0	2

Totals	26	7-17	59	Totals	32	14-25	78		
Munich	21	12	10	16-59	Heidelberg	19	20	24	15-78
Total fouls—Munich 13, Heidelberg 12.									

WIESBADEN			KAISERSLAUTERN				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Thompson	2	1-2	5	Hofman	2	3-3	9
Clark	4	3-4	11	W. Wooten	4	3-3	11
Kerfeld	2	2-2	6	Brown	3	4-10	10
Ussery	3	3-5	8	H. Wooten	6	3-4	15
Thomas	6	2-2	14	Bokish	4	4-4	12
Randby	2	3-3	9	Randels	1	0-0	2
Schaffner	0	2-2	2				

Totals	19	16-20	54	Totals	21	17-24	59		
Wiesbaden	13	14	13	14-54	Kaiserslautern	8	27	16	8-59
Fouled out—Wiesbaden, Thompson; Kaiserslautern, Hofman.									
Total fouls—Wiesbaden 17, Kaiserslautern 15.									

LAKENHEATH			MUNICH				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Burton	2	2-4	6	Gwodzik	3	6-9	12
Kaltnehr	12	4-7	28	Flaherty	8	5-8	21
Tate	1	0-0	2	Pauley	3	3-8	9
Randolph	7	2-5	16	Herring	4	4-10	12
Washington	2	0-2	4	Geist	1	4-8	6
Greer	4	0-0	8	Valdez	0	0-1	0
Jones	4	4-7	12				
Ducey	3	1-2	7				

Totals	35	13-27	83	Totals	19	22-44	60		
Lakenheath	20	14	24	25-83	Munich	18	17	9	16-60
Fouled out—Lakenheath, Burton, Tate, Munich Gwodzik.									
Total fouls—Lakenheath 31, Munich 21.									

MADRID			FRANKFURT				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Acosta	4	10-11	18	Bari	5	3-4	13
Hoey	4	2-4	10	Buros	4	0-1	8
Arellano	6	5-10	17	Foos	3	1-2	7
Tronic	2	1-1	5	Brown	6	2-5	14
Mawby	2	2-3	6	Robinson	0	3-4	3
Wood	2	0-0	4	Fisher	3	1-2	7
Corliss	1	0-0	2	Woodrow	0	1-2	1
				Stever	0	0-0	0
				Williams	2	0-1	4
				Lang	0	0-0	0

Totals	21	20-29	62	Totals	23	11-21	57		
Madrid	9	13	18	22-62	Frankfurt	9	14	13	21-57
Fouled out—Madrid, Hoey, Acosta; Frankfurt, Buros, Brown.									
Total fouls—Madrid 17, Frankfurt 23.									

NUERNBERG			HEIDELBERG				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Mowery	6	4-6	16	Bissell	5	4-9	14
Brown	2	2-7	6	Saxton	0	3-3	3
Stoelje	5	4-7	14	Delaney	4	3-3	11
Allison	1	0-0	2	Fountain	6	1-1	13
Alford	5	2-5	12	Wood	1	1-2	3
Monteith	1	0-0	2	Paul	7	0-1	14
Carter	1	0-0	2	Kitchen	1	2-3	4
				Waddell	1	0-0	2

Totals	21	12-25	64	Totals	25	14-22	64		
Nuernberg	8	12	10	24-54	Heidelberg	16	18	21	9-64
Total fouls—Nuernberg 13, Heidelberg 15.									

late Friday night for the other Class B finals berth.

The Class B championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, with the Heidelberg-Madrid Class A climax to follow.

If coach David Craig's Lions can whip Madrid in Saturday's finals, they'll put an end to a Class A jinx that dates back to 1964. Not since then has the top-seeded team won the Class A title.

The trick was turned by Wiesbaden that year, under coach John Winkler.

The same John Winkler who is now Madrid's coach.

Madrid made up for a decided disadvantage in height against

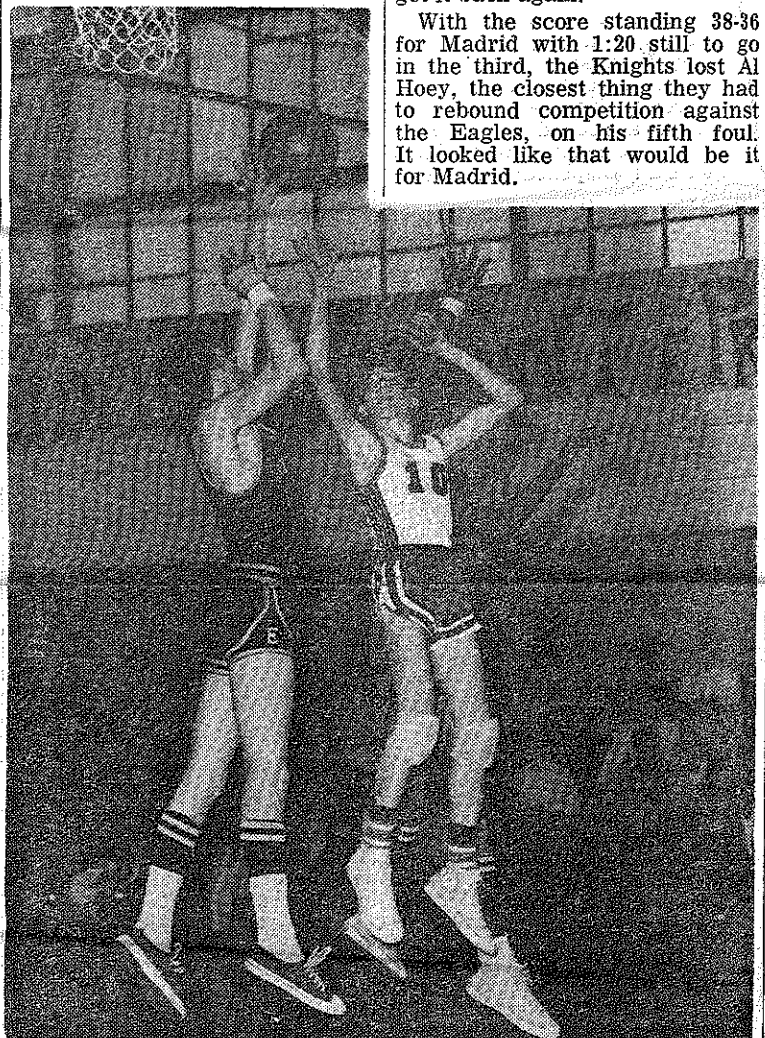
Frankfurt by applying constant pressure with a rattling full-court press. The Knights couldn't count on too many rebounds, but their pressing antics produced steal after steal and the bewildered Eagles committed many turnovers.

Steve Bari, the Eagle ace who scored 32 points in the opening victory against Wiesbaden, got just 13 Friday, eight of them coming in the final quarter.

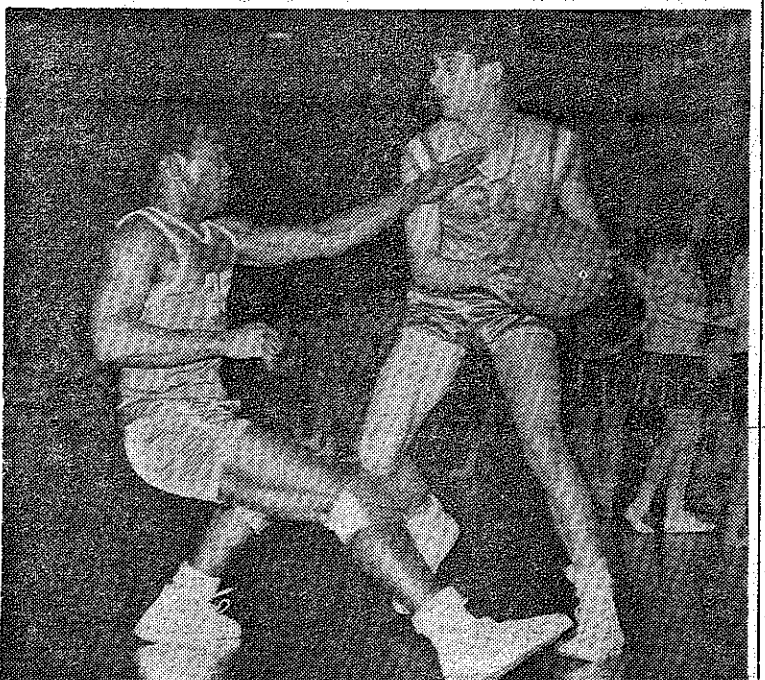
It was a close game throughout, with the score tied at 9-all after the first quarter and Frankfurt leading by one, 23-22, at the halfway mark.

The Knights picked up the lead quickly in the third quarter, and Frankfurt wasn't going to get it back again.

With the score standing 38-36 for Madrid with 1:20 still to go in the third, the Knights lost Al Hoey, the closest thing they had to rebound competition against the Eagles, on his fifth foul. It looked like that would be it for Madrid.



TOURNEY ACTION—Mike Mawby (10) above, tries for another Madrid field goal as Tom Buros defends the net during the Madrid upset victory over Frankfurt Friday, 62-57. Below, SHAPE's Keith Kaposta (34) avoids Bill Kyles (25) of Augsburg in second round high school tournament competition at Rhein-Main. SHAPE defeated Augsburg, 61-59.



Sure enough, the Eagles took even more complete control of the boards. But Madrid just kept up the larceny to make up for it.

The driving layups of David Arellano were what finally pulled it out for Madrid. He scored on a free throw to break the last tie (55-55), and then drove through for a layup for a 58-55 Madrid lead with 55 seconds remaining.

Twelve seconds later, he scored two more free throws, and he got himself another layup with 15 seconds left.

Heidelberg had an easier time of it against Nuernberg, jumping off to a 16-8 first-quarter lead and stretching it to 34-20 by half-time.

The well-balanced Lions had four players in double figures, and they were all within three

Tourney Toppers

(Through Friday's seventh game)

CLASS A					
G	FG	FT	T	Avg.	
Bissell, Heidelberg	2	17	11-21	45	22.5
Bari, Frankfurt	2	19	7-8	39	22.5
Gwodzik, Munich	2	16	7-12	39	19.5
Arellano, Madrid	2	14	10-15	38	19.0
Flaherty, Munich	2	15	7-12	37	18.5

CLASS B					
G	FG	FT	T	Avg.	
Towns, Augsburg	2	22	6-2	50	25.0
L. Bolster, Bitburg	2	20	2-6	42	21.0
O'Neill, Berlin	2	18	5-5	41	20.5
Marsh, Bitburg	2	15	6-7	36	18.0
Payne, SHAPE	2	15	3-9	33	16.5

points of each other. Bob Bissell and Kent Paul had 14 apiece, Foster Fountain 13 and Tom Delaney 11.

Game honors went to Nuernberg's Jay Mowery with 16 points.

Two free throws with 26 seconds left by Jerry Denton broke a 61-61 deadlock to give the Bitburg Barons the win over Berlin and move them into the championship game in the Class B division for the second straight year.

Bitburg made only 13 out of 27 free throws but nine of them came in the final period—four by Denton and four by Lennie Marsh—when the pressure was on and they were needed.

All three games between Bitburg and Berlin this year have been decided by less than five points, Bitburg holding a 2-1 margin.

In a late game Thursday, Heidelberg scored a 78-59 victory over eighth-seeded Munich.

Munich's pair of Little Davids—Dave Gwodzik and Dave Flaherty—caused the highly touted, undefeated Lions of David Craig all kinds of fits for a quarter and a half. They bombed the Lions from long range and tallied 15 points between them as the Mustangs took a 21-19 lead at the end of the first period.

Lions on Spree
The Mustangs, 1968 Class A champions, opened the gap to 29-23 before the roof fell in on them. Then Heidelberg, led by the brilliance of Bissell, went on a spree and scored the next 13 points.

Bissell wound up with 31 points for the night as the bigger, faster Lions chewed up the Mustangs the rest of the game. Delaney added 14 and Paul chipped in with 13.

Gwodzik tallied 27 and Flaherty added 16, but the Mustangs didn't have enough additional class to match the all-around skills of the Lions.

In Friday's consolation-bracket games, the Kaiserslautern Raiders and Lakenheath Lancers advanced to the Class A finals and the Upper Heyford Hadites and SHAPE Spartans triumphed to set up a Class B showdown.

The consolation titles, which amount to a fifth-place finish, were to be decided Saturday with SHAPE taking on Upper Heyford at 10:30 a.m. and Lakenheath going against K-Town at noon.

After three ho-hum encounters Friday, SHAPE and Augsburg provided some excitement for the crowd at Pitts Memorial Gym. The Spartans came from behind in the final minute of play on baskets by Jim Payne and Paul Chavarrie for a 61-59 verdict.

Berlin will play the Karlsruhe-Baumholder loser at 4 p.m. for third place in Class B, and Nuernberg and Frankfurt will tangle at 5:30 for Class A's third standing.

The Spartans, led by Payne and Dave Emerson with 16 points each, won it at the foul line by converting 25 of 37 attempts. The Apaches made only 13 of 27 free throws and lost ace Bob Towns, who scored 17 points in the first half, on personals: few seconds after he got back into the game midway of the third period.

Easy Victory

Upper Heyford outscored Brunssum, 18-5, at the foul line and took an easy 58-41 victory. Clive Westcott of the Hadites and Greg Huebner of the Vikings were the top scorers in the game with 14 markers apiece.

Jerry Bisson's Raiders built up a 51-40 lead after three quarters and held off late-charging Wiesbaden for a 59-54 triumph. Harry Wooten's 15 points set the pace for K-Town, while Bob Thomas was the Warriors top gun with 14.

Dave Nelson's aggressive Lakenheath team was charged with 31 fouls which resulted in 44 Munich free tosses, but still managed to post an easy 83-60 win as the Mustangs missed 22 of their charity shots.

Kent Kaltenbacher, who pumped in 28 points for the Lancers, got 11 in the third period as the Mustangs were overrun, 24-9 after leading by a point, 35-34, at intermission.

Class B

UPPER HEYFORD			BRUNSSUM				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Virostko	3	3-3	9	Hargray	4	3-7	11
Garrett	5	1-5	11	DeBord	2	1-2	5
Cox	3	0-0	6	Hodges	0	1-1	1
Willis	2	1-7	5	Huebner	7	0-2	14
Westcott	3	8-11	14	Greenhill	5	0-2	10
Bray	2	1-3	5	Hickey	0	0-1	0
Kunberger	1	0-0	2				
Peterson	1	2-2	4				
Williams	0	2-2	2				

Totals	20	18-33	58	Totals	18	5-15	41		
Upper Heyford	13	20	10	15-58	Brunssum	14	7	9	11-41
Fouled out—Brunssum, Hodges.									
Total fouls—Upper Heyford 15, Brunssum 25.									

SHAPE			AUGSBURG				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Payne	7	2-5	16	Aguillon	0	1-2	1
Foster	3	2-3	7	Towns	3	1-1	17
Kaposta	0	5-6	5	Herron	7	0-2	14
Chavarrie	1	1-3	3	Myers	0	2-2	2
Whelden	2	9-12	13	Kyles	6	6-13	18
Emerson	5	6-8	16	Merritt	1	1-1	3
				Rogers	0	0-1	0
				Davis	1	2-5	4

Totals	18	25-37	61	Totals	23	13-27	59		
SHAPE	19	16	15	11-61	Augsburg	22	15	10	12-59
Fouled out—SHAPE, Kaposta, Emerson; Augsburg, Towns, Rogers.									
Total fouls—SHAPE 18, Augsburg 30.									

BERLIN			BITBURG				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Johnson	2	8-8	12	Barnhill	3	2-6	8
O'Neill	5	2-2	12	Marsh	9	4-4	22
Winter	6	3-6	15	L. Bolster	8	2-6	18
Howard	4	0-0	8	B. Bolster	2	0-2	4
Brennan	4	0-0	8	Denton	3	5-9	11
Haden	1	4-5	6	Pryor	1	0-0	2

Totals	22	17-21	61	Totals	26	13-27	65		
Berlin	11	18	14	14-61	Bitburg	15	12	17	21-65
Fouled out—Berlin, O'Neill, Winter; Bitburg, L. Bolster.									
Total fouls—Berlin 16, Bitburg 15.									