



OBSERVER Sports

Royals Drop Lakers, 37-33, to Clinch AYA Post-Season Hoop Tournament

The Royals brought the American Youth Activities post-season basketball tournament to an exciting end Saturday afternoon as they topped the Lakers, 37-33, in the champion-

ship game played at the Sports Center Gymnasium.

Tom McDaniel supplied the scoring for the champion Royals with 16 points in the last two quarters to help erase the slight Laker halftime lead. The game was characteristic of the brand of basketball played in the tourney, as the lead switched back and forth between the two teams throughout the contest.

Curt Fulte was the big gun for the Lakers in their bid for the championship as he collected 19 points before fouling out of the game with over three minutes left to play.

After Fulte went to the bench via the five-foul rule, and Tom Keneally went to the bench via the same route, the Royals came alive as McDaniel and Calvin Fullwood erased the six-point Laker lead and surged into the front to stay.

McDaniel was the game's top scorer with his 20 points to lead the Royals. He was aided by Fullwood who scored only eight points, but who was a demon on defense and in rebounding.

Semi-Final Round

The Lakers made their way into the championship round by eliminating the Hawks Friday night in a narrow contest, 25-23.

Curt Fulte, the Laker scoring star, was held to only one point in the first half, but came back with 16 points before he fouled out of the game to lead the Lakers to the win in the second half.

The Hawks played consistent basketball and held a slim one-point edge over the Lakers at the end of the first two periods, but the tide was turned in the third period when the Lakers took the lead. The teams matched points in the final stanza and the Lakers pulled out the slim margin for the victory.

Fulte was the game's leading scorer as he totaled 17 markers for the contest. The Hawks were led by Mike Graham with 10 points and Chris Stern with eight.

Warriors Eliminated

The Hawks made their way into the semi-final round of action by knocking the Warriors from competition, 40-37.

The Hawks jumped into a 12-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, and it looked as if they had the game in the bag. However, the Warriors showed that they were not finished and came back in the second period to take a one-point lead into the halftime break.

The Hawks continued their first period scoring again in the third stanza and picked up a three-point lead going into the final eight minutes of play. Both teams found the range in the last period and the margin stayed at three points.

Mike Graham paced the winners with 14 points, followed by Chris Stern with nine. Ryo Tokura led the Warriors in their come-back try with 12 markers.

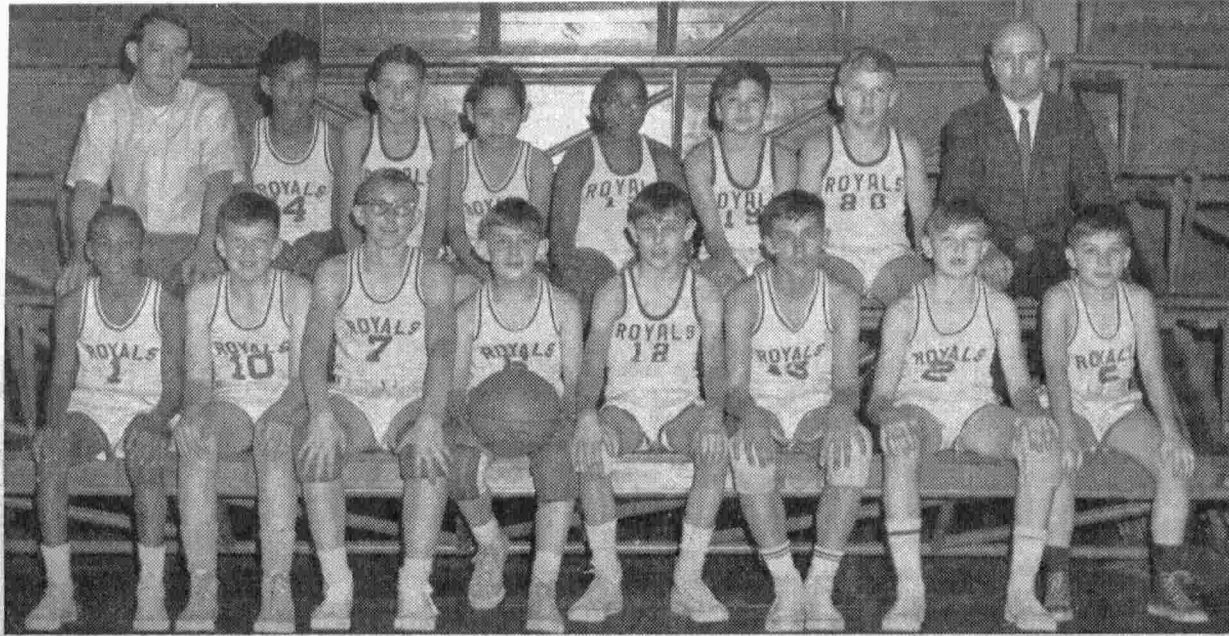
First Loss

The Lakers were handed their first loss of the season in Thursday night's game as they were dropped to the lower bracket after being upset by the Royals, 38-25.

Calvin Fullwood and Tom McDaniel led the upset-minded Hawks in the win with 16 and nine points respectively.

The Lakers took a slim 9-6 lead in the first quarter, but were held scoreless in the second and found themselves trailing 11-9 at the end of the half. The Royals then came back and dominated the last half of action in picking up their win.

Fulte led the Lakers as he collected 16 points.



AYA TOURNAMENT CHAMPS—Pictured are the members of the AYA post-season basketball champions. The Royals took the championship by going undefeated in the double-elimination tourney which ended last Saturday afternoon. Front row, (left to right) Stan Spraggins, Rick Overby, Bernard Runge, Robby Ellis, Robert Sanders, Tom McDaniel, Richard Runge and Richard Sardinna. Second row, (left to right) Coach Duaine Morgan, Calvin Fullwood, Mike Gunn, Cliff Nakamura, Mike Parker, Frank Petrikat, Steve Siterlit and Coach Walter Petrikat.



BERLIN ROD AND GUN CLUB NEWS



cated opposite the Provost Marshal's office at Andrews Barracks, is still running sales of hunting and fishing equipment. New weapons are on order and should be in stock in the very near future.

All hunting licenses and hunting insurance will expire March 31.

The Rod and Gun Club, along with the Provost Marshal's Division remind all personnel that all firearms, including air pistols, must be registered with the PMD as soon as they are purchased.