Munich, Wiesbaden in 'A' Showdown

Wolves Upset Apaches to Gain Prep Finals

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RHEIN-MAIN, Germany (S&S) — Keeping the upset motif of the 1968 USDESEA basketball championships in vogue, the Wuerzburg Wolves shocked the top-seeded Augsburg Apaches, 57-52, here Friday night to gain the finals of the Class B tourney.

The Wolves were matched against the Bitburg Barons, 62-49 conquerors of the Mannheim Bison, in the Class B finals, slated for Rhein-Main gym at 7 p.m. Saturday, preceding the Class A title showdown between Munich and Wiesbaden.

The Munich Mustangs and Wiesbaden Warriors gained their berths in the championship tussle by whipping Lakenheath's Lancer's, 70-68, and the Heidelberg Lions, 60-41, in the A semifinals, respectively.

It was Mannheim against Augsburg and Heidelberg against Lakenheath in the respective Class B and Class A third-place contests Saturday afternoon.

A full-court press and the shooting of the Brown brothers—senior Ronnie and frosh Steve—turned the trick for the Wolves as Augsburg went down to its first defeat of the season. Ronnie scored 24 points and Steve added 12 as the Wolves outscored the Apaches, 38-24, in the last half to accomplish the major upset.

Augsburg apparently was on its way to its 14th straight win with a 36-27 advantage with 4:21 remaining in the third period. However, the Apaches reckoned without the will power of the Wolves and baskets by Tony Lopez, Bob Astarita, Mike Harrison and Ron Brown cut the advantage to one point.

Tom Ward put the Apaches up, 38-35, but Ron Brown hit on two drive-ins to give Wuerzburg a 39-38 lead. Bob Fleming made it 40-39, Augsburg, at the end of the quarter.

Steve Brown and Ward traded baskets and Ron Brown put the Wolves ahead with a brace of free throws. Baskets by Greg Granderson, USDESEA's top scorer this season, and Ward put Augsburg back in front at 46-43. Steve Brown's two free throws and a basket by Harrison erased that lead and put the Wolves ahea.. by one.

But, Granderson and Don Clark hit again for Augsburg to reinstate the three-point margin only to have Leonard Simms and Steve Brown duplicate the effort for the eventual winners.

The count read 51-50 Wuerzburg with 1:35 remaining and Dick Banner put Augsburg ahead with a pair of free throws. They were the last points the Apaches were to score.

Harrison's basket, one free throw by Steve Brown, two by Steve Hume and another by Harrison wrapped up the victory.

Granderson, plagued by foul difficulties, managed only 19 points, 13 in the first half. Ward registered 13 and Clark finished with 10 for the losers. None but the Brown boys managed double figures for the victors.

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In the other Class B semifinal, Bitburg broke from a 44-44 deadlock to win going away in the last five minutes. Harry Minard put the Barons, runnersup to Baumholder in the Class B finals last year, ahead with a jumper from the corner and Sonny Rasar upped the advantage to four points. The margin remained unchanged as Bob Gerew and Larry Bolster traded baskets and then Bitburg spurted.

The Barons outscored the Bison 11-3 the rest of the way, Bolster accounting for four points and Wendel Pryor throwing in six as Mannheim's defense collapsed. Jerry Denton garnered the other marker.

Bolster tallied 21 points and Pryor chipped in with 19 to gear the Baron assault. Jose Morell and Gerew registered 15 and 14, respectively, in defeat.

Heidelberg, which unseated top-rated Frankfurt in a first round upset of major proportions, couldn't stay with Wiesbaden. The Warriors threw up an impenetrable zone and opened up a 13-2 first-period advantage as Heidelberg was unable to notch one field goal in the first session.

Rugged Defense

The defense was so rugged that the Lions managed only seven shots. Their first basket was a 15-footer by Tom Delaney with 6:02 remaining in the half. The Lions cut into the Wiesbaden margin somewhat in the second period, trailing by only six at intermission.

However, a 9-for-13 Wiesbaden field goal spree in the third period wrapped up the victory. The Warriors padded their margin down the stretch run to set the stage for a bid for a fourth championship.

Brad Sell was the big gun for the Warriors, who placed 10 men in the scoring column, with 16 markers. Doug Jones followed with 13 and Chuck Smookler cashed in for 10. Delaney scored 20 for Heidelberg and Foster Foupntain notched 10.

In a pair of thrillers Saturday morning, the Kaiserslautern Raiders took fifth place in the Class A tourney with a 66-64 win over Frankfurt's Eagles, and the SHAPE Spartans rode Chuck Foster's 37-point scoring spree to a 60-57 overtime win over the Upper Heyford Hadites to finish fifth in the B meet.

It was a sad ending to the season for the Eagles, who came into the tourney with only one loss and top-seeded. They held a 55-45 lead after three quarters but fell apart when the Raiders turned on the steam for 21 points in the final session.

Art Crumpton pumped in what turned out to be the winning basket, breaking a 62-62 tie with 19 seconds left in the game. A bucket by Ross Wright had tied the score with 3:24 left.

Ken Eley's stellar rebounding and 17 points showed the way for Jerry Bisson's Raiders. Mike Wooten and Steve Stublarec added 16 apiece. Harry Grindrod was high for the Eagles with 19.

Foster's big show against the Hadites was the top individual scoring effort of the tourney and gave him 94 points for SHAPE's three games.

The Spartans, trailing most of the way, sent the game into overtime on substitute Dave Lansing's only basket of the game. The shot tied the score at 55-55 with 1:29 left.

Foster got three of his points in the overtime session and Tom Wilkerson iced the victory with a pair of foul shots with seven seconds left.

The Hadite's top shooter, Ed Latimer, canned 24 points before fouling out with 2:42 left in regulation play. John Driver finished up with 19 for the losers.

Tourney Toppers

CLASS A

	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Oyola, Ludwigsburg ...	2	17	14	48	24.0
B. Brady, Lakenheath	2	19	3	41	20.5
Hutchins, Munich	2	15	11	41	20.5
M. Wooten, K'sersl'tern	2	17	4	38	19.0
Eley, Kaiserslautern ..	3	23	10	56	18.7

CLASS B

	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
C. Foster, SHAPE	3	39	16	94	31.3
Granderson, Augsburg .	2	23	5	51	25.5
Pryor, Bitburg	2	20	10	50	25.0
Latimer, Upper Heyford	3	23	17	63	21.0
L. Bolster, Bitburg....	2	16	7	39	19.5

High School Box Scores

Class A

HEIDELBERG

	G	F	T
Delaney	5	10-13	20
Fountain	3	3-4	9
Bissell	2	1-1	5
Wood	0	0-2	0
Satterman	0	1-2	1
Naylor	2	2-2	6
Nelson	0	0-1	0
Chandler	0	0-1	0
Waddell	0	0-1	0
Totals	12	17-27	41

WIESBADEN

	G	F	T
Jones	6	1-3	13
Smookler	5	2-2	12
Sell	6	4-5	16
Dodd	1	0-0	2
Owen	2	2-3	6
Allen	2	0-0	4
Goehring	1	0-0	2
Randby	0	2-2	2
Greenwood	1	0-0	2
Schaffer	0	0-2	0
Abele	0	1-2	1
Totals	24	12-19	60

Heidelberg	2	16	15	8—41
Wiesbaden	13	11	20	16—60

Fouled out—Heidelberg, Bissell.
Total fouls—Heidelberg 14, Wiesbaden 19.

KAISERSLAUTERN

	G	F	T
Stublarec	8	0-2	16
Wright	4	0-1	8
M. Wooten	8	0-2	16
A. Cr'mpt'n	4	1-4	9
Eley	7	3-5	17
Totals	31	4-14	66

FRANKFURT

	G	F	T
Smith	5	1-3	11
Gary	0	1-2	1
Grindrod	8	3-6	19
Gliven	3	2-3	8
Brown	5	1-5	11
Bari	6	2-2	14
Totals	27	10-21	64

Kaiserslautern	12	16	17	21 — 66
Frankfurt	14	20	21	9 — 64

Fouled out—None.
Total fouls—Kaiserslautern 14, Frankfurt 12.

Class B

AUGSBURG

	G	F	T
Wooten	1	1-2	3
Granderson	9	1-2	19
Ward	4	5-8	13
Clark	5	0-0	10
Fleming	1	0-2	2
Banner	1	3-4	5
Totals	21	10-18	52

WUERZBURG

	G	F	T
R. Brown	10	4-8	24
Harrison	4	1-4	9
Lopez	1	0-0	2
Astarita	3	0-1	6
S. Brown	4	4-5	12
Hume	0	2-2	2
Simms	1	0-0	2
Totals	23	11-20	57

Augsburg	12	16	12	12—52
Wuerzburg	6	13	20	18—57

Fouled out—Wuerzburg, Astarita.
Total fouls—Augsburg 15, Wuerzburg 15.

UPPER HEYFORD

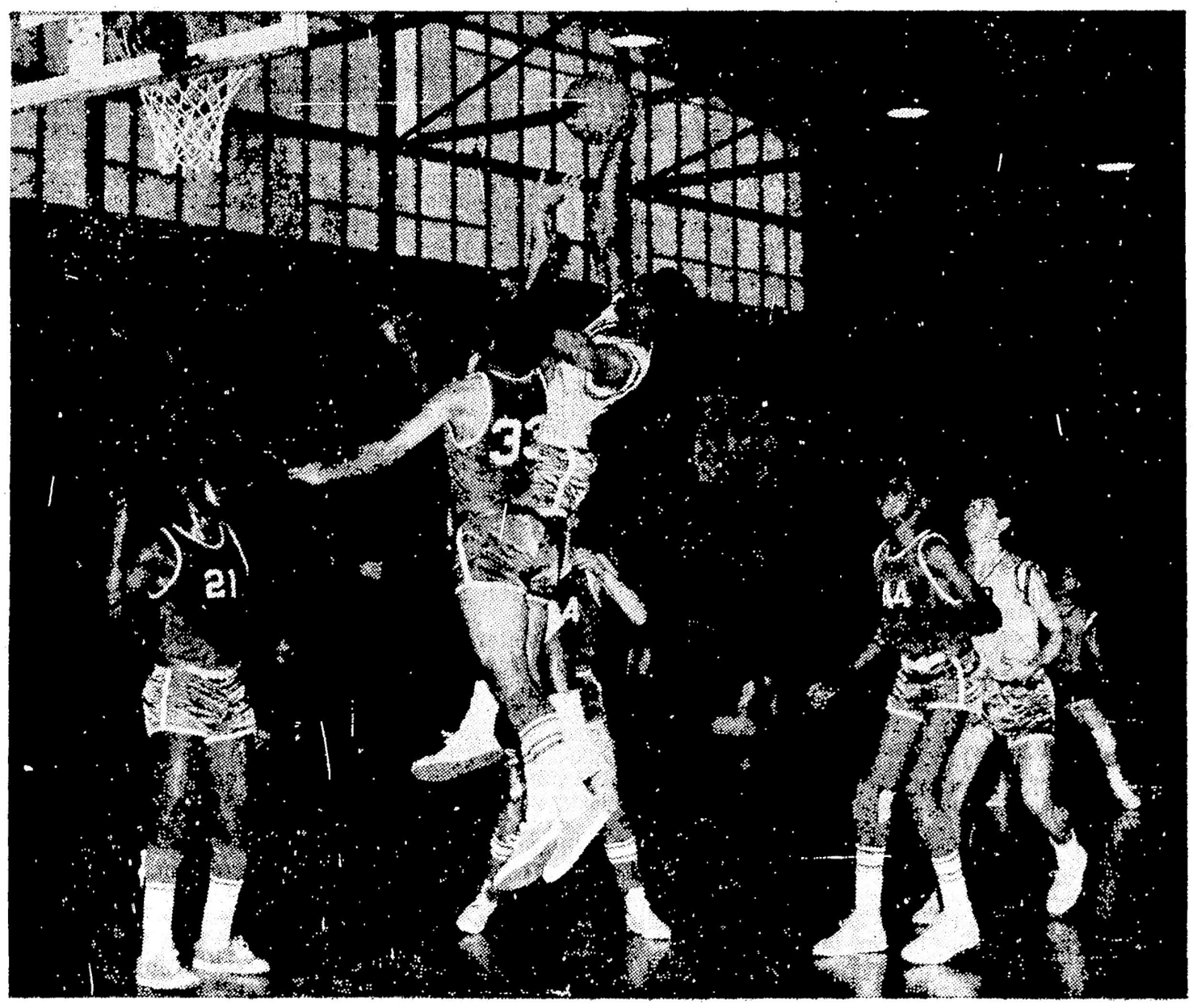
	G	F	T
Driver	7	5-8	19
Goynes	2	1-2	5
Peterson	1	2-2	4
Brown	1	1-3	3
Latimer	9	6-8	24
Virosticko	1	0-0	2
Totals	21	15-23	57

SHAPE

	G	F	T
B. Foster	3	2-4	8
Kaposta	0	0-0	0
C. Foster	13	11-15	37
Hallowell	1	0-0	2
Whelden	1	5-7	7
Wilkerson	0	4-4	4
Lansing	1	0-0	2
Totals	19	22-30	60

Upper Heyford ...	17	9	16	13	2 — 57
SHAPE	12	12	19	12	5 — 60

Fouled out—Upper Heyford, Latimer; SHAPE, B. Foster, Kaposta.
Total fouls — Upper Heyford 19, SHAPE 18.



SHAPE MARKER — Bill Foster of SHAPE goes high in the air to get a basket during the USDESEA losers bracket Class B game against Karlsruhe at Rhein-Main, Germany. Others in the action include Karlsruhe's Riley Harris (21), Joe Perez (33) and Keith Mitchell (44). SHAPE took a 69-44 verdict and then came back Saturday morning to whip Upper Heyford, 60-57, in overtime to finish fifth in the meet. —S&S Photo by Gates

1st-Ever Badminton Tourney Set by USAREUR, March 9-10

MUNICH, Germany (Special)—The first-ever USAREUR Invitational Badminton Tournament is scheduled March 9-10 at the Warner Casern gymnasium in Munich, it was announced by the U.S. Army Special Services Agency, Europe.

It marks the first time in the history of USAREUR sports that a theater-wide badminton tournament has been scheduled. USACOMZEUR will serve as host for the two-day event.

Singles and doubles competition will feature open and senior play. Individuals wishing to enter senior class play must have attained their 40th birthday on or before Feb. 22, 1968.

Each of USAREUR's 13 sports conferences in Italy, Belgium and Germany is eligible to enter six-man teams, comprising four open and two senior players, in the tournament.

Awards will be made to the first and second place individual winners as well as the winner and runnerup in the team standings.

Interested persons are urged to contact their local Special Services office without delay. Additional information may be obtained by calling Munich Military 8145 or 8626.

U.S. to Skip 2 Events In Summer Olympics

MEXICO CITY, (AP) — The United States will compete in all the Summer Olympic events except soccer and field hockey, according to the Mexican Olympic Organizing Committee.

David Carrasco, Olympic attache of the U.S. Embassy here, said the delegation of 500 will be composed of 300 men, 100 women and 100 officials, the committee reported.

Yanks' Bower Takes 2nd in Swedish Ski

FALUN, Sweden (UPI)—John Bower of the United States captured second place in the Nordic combined by finishing fourth in Saturday's 15-kilometer cross-country race of the Swedish Ski Festival.

Bower's combined total was 432.50 points. He placed sixth in the 70-meter ski jump Friday.

Russia's Alexander Nosov was the Nordic combined winner.

James Miller of the U.S. finished eighth in the skiing. Another Yank, George Krog of Denver, dropped to eighth in the Nordic combined after a slow cross country race. He was second in the ski jumping.