

1972 kingpins fall in prep cage meet

Lion, Apache wins highlight 1st day

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RHEIN-MAIN, Germany (S&S) — For Mannheim and Bonn, the reign is over.

The two kings of the prep basketball realm were unceremoniously dumped as the 1973 USDESEA championships opened here Thursday.

Fourth-seeded Heidelberg, avenging last year's loss to Mannheim in the Class A finals, dethroned the Bison, seeded fifth this year, 49-40.

Earlier in the day, seventh-seeded Augsburg knocked off second-seeded Bonn, the '72 Class B king, 57-48.

In other first-round Class A games, Frankfurt's third-seeded Eagles dropped Stuttgart into the consolation bracket, 57-48, and second-seeded Lakenheath rolled over Bitburg, 72-40.

No. 1 seeded Kaiserslautern lived up to its pre-tourney ranking and humiliated eighth-seeded Nuernberg, 70-42, in Thursday's late Class A match-up.

In Class B action, top-seeded Berlin downed SHAPE, 58-45 third-seeded Zweibruecken conquered Upper Heyford, 67-47, and Baumholder defeated Munich, 57-47.

It was merely a case of Augsburg out hustling Bonn. The Apaches came to win and Bonn

was caught flatfooted for most of the game.

The game stayed close for two periods with the 1972 champs walking off the floor at intermission holding a 24-22 advantage. Things were still nip-and-tuck for the first five minutes of the third period.

Then the Apaches scalped the Crusaders. The score was 32-30, Augsburg, with 1:47 left in the third period and the Apaches outscored the soon-to-be-ex-champs, 5-2, in the rest of the period.

Then came 16 straight Augsburg points and Bonn was out of it. It looked as if the Crusaders might not score in the fourth period as they committed numerous errors and managed to get off only one shot in the first three minutes and 20 seconds.

Mike Higgins was the top gun for the Apaches. He tallied seven points in the third and fourth periods and wound up with 24 for the day on nine field goals and six free throws. Ed Holder added 13.

Timber-tall Lakenheath just had too much class for Bitburg. The Lancers, the only undefeated

team in the tournament, controlled the boards and threw a balanced scoring attack against the Barons. Joe Rollins, Wayne Tarouilly and Paul Dubose — all 6-5 — and Scott Gilzean, 6-3, did the damage.

Chuck Shorette's drive-in broke a 2-2 tie and Zweibruecken scored the next 13 points to wrap up its victory early. The Trojans were up, 23-12, at the quarter and they stretched that margin to 39-16 by intermission.

The rugged style of play Upper Heyford employs proved costly as officials Dick Cummings and Fred Thill whistled the Hadites for 30 fouls. Zweibruecken converted on 25 of 40 free throws.

Eagles rally

Frankfurt needed some time to get started but once it did, things moved smoothly. The Eagles came from a 12-9 first-period deficit to a 41-32 advantage by the end of the third period and the Eagles preserved their advantage down the stretch.

A big difference in the game was Frankfurt's defense. The Eagles harassed Stuttgart's top scorer, Ed Vojensky, all day and the Stallion ace managed only eight points.

Baumholder took control of a tight game midway through the second quarter. Then the Bucs put it out of reach in the third period.

Junior Garcia, who had a game high total of 21 points, hit 10 of them in the second quarter to give Baumholder a narrow lead though the Bucs left at intermission only one point up, 29-28.

Mannheim had only one good quarter, a 20-point second stanza during which the Bison had their only two leads and wound up tied 23-23 at the intermission.

Mostly it was Heidelberg's game as the Lions blanked Mannheim from the field for the first nine-plus minutes. Billy Cheshire sunk six free throws to help the Lions forge a 38-29 lead after three quarters.

Then Steve Kresja hit two quick baskets and Ron Baskin added a third in a 29-second span with just under three minutes left in the game to ice it. The Lions' superior rebounding was a big factor in the final outcome.

Kevin O'Sullivan sparked SHAPE surprisingly to within three points, 39-36. But the muscular SHAPE center lost his temper and committed two personals within 10 seconds to foul out with 4:53 left.

At that point Johnny Hayes and the Cubs took control. Hayes, who got 26 points, scored 18 in the second half, 11 down the stretch as Berlin moved out to win it easily. Hayes also had fourth-quarter help from Pat Clyburn, who finished with 13 points.

Nuernberg stayed with K-Town for only half a quarter. Then Greg Davis broke an 8-8 tie and the Red Raiders, with Jose Jackson providing the early power, ran away with it, outscoring the Eagles, 30-8, the rest of the first half.



A pilfer for Bonn

Bonn's Gary Fourney (22) steps in front of Augsburg's Dale Richardson (20) for a steal in the fourth quarter of their Class B US-DESEA tourney game Thursday. Fourney's move was one of few the 1972 champs made as the Apaches won, 57-48. Looking on is Alan Simpson (40). —S&S Photo by Borguss

Friday's pairings

- 9 a.m. — Stuttgart vs. Bitburg
- 10:30 a.m. — Bonn vs. Upper Heyford
- Noon — Munich vs. SHAPE
- 1:30 p.m. — Mannheim vs. Nuernberg
- 4 p.m. — Frankfurt vs. Lakenheath
- 5:30 p.m. — Zweibruecken vs. Augsburg
- 7 p.m. — Heidelberg vs. Kaiserslautern
- 8:30 p.m. — Baumholder vs. Berlin

Tourney box scores

CLASS A

Eagles 58, Stallions 47

Frankfurt 9 14 18 17—58
Stuttgart 12 8 12 15—47
Frankfurt — Peterson 5 5 15; Hill 3 3 9; Thompson 4 2 10; Richardson 1 0 2; Spiller 3 0 6; Obermiller 2 2 6; Williams 5 0 10. Totals 23 12 58.
Stuttgart — Johnson 4 1 9; Ganevsky 6 2 14; Kumangal 2 0 4; Vojensky 3 2 8; Stokes 3 2 8; Billings 1 2 4. Totals 19 9 47.
Fouled out — Stuttgart, Ganevsky. Frankfurt, Spiller. Total fouls — Frankfurt 16, Stuttgart 14.

Lancers 72, Barons 40

Bitburg 8 11 12 9—40
Lakenheath 12 19 24 17—72
Bitburg — Wathen 4 0 8; Jackson 1 1 3; Terry 5 0 10; Knotts 4 0 8; Bills 0 0 0; Walls 3 4 10; Oakes 0 1 1; Degaris 0 0 0. Totals 17 6 40.
Lakenheath — Barlow 3 0 6; Tarouilly 7 0 14; Dubose 8 2 18; Rollins 6 2 14; S. Gilzean 5 2 12; M. Gilzean 1 4 6; Stava 0 0 0; Ferrell 1 0 2. Totals 31 10 72.
Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Bitburg 11, Lakenheath 9.

Lions 49, Bison 40

Mannheim 3 20 6 11—40
Heidelberg 9 14 15 11—49
Mannheim — Parnell 8 0 16; Redwine 5 5 15; Tuszyński 0 2 2; D. Chillas 0 1 1; Blair 0 0 0; Munday 0 0 0; Proctor 3 0 6. Totals 16 8 40.
Heidelberg — Bardell 5 1 11; Baskin 2 0 4; Cheshire 1 8 10; Hoyer 4 1 9; Konitzer 1 0 2; Kresja 5 3 13. Totals 18 13 49.
Fouled out — Mannheim, Redwine, Proctor; Heidelberg, Bardell. Total fouls — Mannheim 20, Heidelberg 13. Technical foul — Heidelberg, Cheshire.

Raiders 70, Eagles 42

Kaiserslautern 20 18 16 16—70
Nuernberg 10 6 11 15—42
Kaiserslautern — Hunt 3 2 8; Stamper 2 1 5; Hale 2 4 8; Jackson 5 4 14; Billington 4 0 8; McComb 1 0 2; Davis 4 2 10; Rivette 4 0 8; Bell 2 1 5; Jenkins 0 0 0; Cabell 1 0 2. Totals 28 14 70.
Nuernberg — Houston 2 0 4; Strother 1 0 2; Palmer 4 1 9; Gilmore 0 2 2; Crosby 1 0 2; McHardy 1 0 2; Buster 6 0 12; Harmon 0 4 4; Sapp 2 1 5; Brown 0 0 0. Totals 17 8 42.
Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Kaiserslautern 9, Nuernberg 30. Technical foul — Nuernberg, Buster.

CLASS B

Cubs 58, Spartans 45

SHAPE 4 10 13 18—45
Berlin 11 11 13 23—58
SHAPE — Berry 2 0 4; Culey 1 0 2; Krouth 1 2 4; O'Sullivan 7 4 18; Schwartz 2 0 4; Murphy 5 3 13. Totals 18 9 45.
Berlin — Clyburn 4 5 13; B. Colver 2 0 4; S. Volver 2 0 4; Dorin 2 1 5; Walton 3 0 6; Hayes 11 4 26. Totals 24 10 58.
Fouled out — SHAPE, O'Sullivan. Total fouls — SHAPE 19, Berlin 12. Technical fouls — SHAPE, O'Sullivan. Berlin, Bench.

Bucs 57, Mustangs 47

Munich 14 14 6 13—47
Baumholder 13 16 15 13—57
Munich — Grimaldi 2 3 7; Hickey 2 0 4; Moore 5 5 15; Cort 5 0 10; Seefeld 1 1 3; Ituralde 3 0 6; Kovalchik 0 1 1; Urcinoli 0 1 1. Totals 18 11 47.
Baumholder — J. Garcia 9 3 21; M. Sullivan 4 1 9; R. Davis 1 1 3; V. Garcia 4 0 8; C. Sullivan 1 0 2; Denny 1 0 2; G. Davis 4 6 14. Totals 23 11 57.
Fouled out — Munich, Grimaldi, Moore. Total fouls — Munich 19, Baumholder 15.

Trojans 67, Hadites 47

Zweibruecken 23 16 14 14—67
Upper Heyford 12 4 16 15—47
Zweibruecken — Shorette 2 3 7; Dickinson 1 2 4; Asher 6 5 17; Anderson 0 0 0; Jones 1 2 4; Marshall 2 1 5; Allgood 3 7 13; Copeland 0 2 2; Wright 0 0 0; Scott 4 3 11; Ippoliti 2 0 4. Totals 21 25 67.
Upper Heyford — Langston 0 0 0; Doubleday 2 0 4; Bolnick 2 0 4; Webb 0 0 0; Bergh 1 0 2; Anderson 2 0 4; Frey 3 0 6; Hahn 2 3 7; Donathon 1 0 2; Peters 5 0 10; Lavender 4 0 8. Totals 22 34 7.
Fouled out — Upper Heyford, Langston, Bergh, Frey. Total fouls — Zweibruecken 15, Upper Heyford 30.

Apaches 57, Crusaders 48

Augsburg 12 10 15 20—57
Bonn 10 14 8 16—48
Augsburg — Higgins 9 6 24; Holder 6 1 13; Jenkins 0 2 2; Bainbridge 1 1 3; Richards 5 0 10; Morrison 0 0 0; O'Connor 2 1 5; Dahlhauser 0 0 0; Williams 0 0 0; Corey 0 0 0. Totals 23 11 57.
Bonn — Bolen 5 0 10; Hahne 5 1 11; DeSanto 7 1 15; Powers 0 2 2; Kosler 2 0 4; Fournery 1 0 2; Saporito 1 2 4; Simpson 0 0 0. Totals 21 6 48.
Fouled out — Bonn, Powers. Total fouls — Augsburg 13, Bonn 14.



Hide and seek

Lakenheath's Scott Gilzean looks like he's hiding the ball from Bitburg's Mike Bills (30) and Steve Williams (24) Thursday. Whether or not Gilzean is, isn't the question. The final score: Lakenheath 72, Bitburg 40 looks like the Barons had troubles finding the ball all afternoon. —S&S Photo by Borguss