

Bitburg wins Big Schools title

Germany AA champs upset Heidelberg 19-12

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BITBURG, Germany — Coaches in Germany AA probably are wondering just exactly what Germany AAA is.

There have been two Big Schools playoffs in DODDS football — and the AAA is still looking for its first taste of victory.

Last year it was Baumholder taking care of the big boys, beating Mannheim. Saturday the Bitburg Barons, co-champions of the Double-A league with Zweibruecken, dealt Heidelberg, the undefeated elite of Triple-A a lesson in defensive football.

The Barons of Rik Carr spotted the Lions 12 points in the first quarter, and then slammed the door, holding Heidelberg at bay the rest of the way while they racked up three TDs for a 19-12 verdict.

The Bitburg defense forced six Heidelberg fumbles and recovered four. It also intercepted three Anthony Leaphart passes and came through with three sacks. And it held on a crucial fourth-down in the middle of the fourth quarter when Heidelberg threatened to pull the game out of the fire.

With the score 13-12 Bitburg, Heidelberg had marched from its 18 and picked up three first downs and needed four yards for another one on the Bitburg 39. The Lions tried to run, but Ted Lewis was piled up eight inches short.

After an exchange of possession, the Barons scored their third touchdown to sew up the game.

That third TD came when Heidelberg was trying to punt from its 44. There was a bad snap on the play, Bitburg taking possession on the Lions' 26.

On the first play, Charles Byrd went all the way for the touchdown.

Deon Cockrell almost went all the way on the ensuing kickoff, but Eric Guth, who had kicked the ball, and Jeff Davies finally nailed him at the Bitburg 40. 59 yards up field from the point of the reception.

Heidelberg, because of its strong finish en route to a 6-0-1 season, went into the game something like a two-touchdown favorite and the Lions appeared headed for a rout after they scored their touchdowns in the last three minutes of the first quarter.

Heidelberg got its first touchdown following a Bitburg fumble which was recovered by John Melton on the Barons' 28. John Glass got 7 yards on the first play and Cockrell followed up with 6 more. Two plays later, Cockrell went over from the 10.

That was with 2:54 left. On the last play of the quarter, the Lions made it 12-0. The touchdown came on Tom O'Keefe's 2-yard run, but Glass's 45-yard jaunt and his runs of 7 and 5 yards helped set up the score.

But, all of a sudden, the Bitburg defense came to life.

It forced fumbles by Glass and Cockrell that killed possible Heidelberg marches and Bruce Wade picked off a long Leaphart aerial on the Baron 23 and returned it to the Heidelberg 27 as time ran out in the half.

The third quarter was Bitburg's time to romp.

The Barons got possession on Heidelberg's 33 on a bad punt snap and Byrd got them the touchdown on a pass from Sean Moreau. Cockrell went for the interception but missed and Byrd made the grab on the 5 and coasted in for the score.

Big Andre Royal came up the middle to block Guth's kick and the score remained 6-6.

On the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff, Glass fumbled again and Mark Valderama recovered for the Barons at the Heidelberg 25.

The Barons got a first down at the 14 on three plays and then Moreau passed to Byrd in the end zone. Cockrell intercepted the ball, but was called for interference, giving Bitburg possession at the Heidel-



Bitburg's Charles Byrd
... 2 touchdowns



Barons' Robert Zayas
... 2 key interceptions

berg 2. Moreau took it in on the first play and this time Davies blocked Royal and Guth's kick was good.

"Our defense saw a prediction of a 25-6 Heidelberg victory in The Stars and Stripes earlier this week," Carr said. "And the kids said 'Coach, there's no way Heidelberg is going to score four touchdowns against us.' And it didn't."

"They did one whale of a job out there today. They were all spectacular, but I can't say enough about (cornerback Robert) Zayas. He came up with two key interceptions and he saved several potential touchdowns with a couple of really good tackles."

Zayas, Wade, Pat McGuri, Scott Gu-maer, Bryan Griggs, Valderama and Dan Steed are others who were outstanding

people on defense for the Barons.

"They all played so super," Carr said. "We knew we had to get our best defensive effort of the year, and we did. Those two Heidelberg kids (Cockrell and Glass) are super runners, but we stopped them when we had to."

Cockrell, who has averaged almost 200 yards per game, was limited to 78 in 20 lugs. Glass got 131 in 22 totes, but 111 of that came before intermission.

Melton, Pete Andrysiak, O'Keefe, Stan Hatcher, Glass and G.K. Leighton sparked on defense for the Lions.

And the big boys are still looking for a win over the little guys in the Germany Big Schools football playoff competition.

Baumholder's Bryant wins 156-pound title in U.S. boxing meet

From press dispatches

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — USAR-EUR's Kevin Bryant easily won the 156-pound weight division of the USA Amateur Championships Friday night at the Market Square Arena with a first-round TKO over Ray McElroy of Long Beach, Calif.

Bryant, who advanced to the finals by knocking out Alphonso Bailey of Louisville, Ky., in the first round of their bout Thursday night, also took little time in disposing of McElroy Friday.

The former Interservice champion, currently stationed in Baumholder, pummeled his foe in the early going and was awarded the title when the referee stopped the contest at 2:20 of the first round.

Bryant had finished off Bailey at the 2:27 mark of the opening round Thursday night following a barrage of punches that resulted in three standing eight counts.

In addition to Bryant, 11 other U.S. amateur champs were crowned Friday night.

With all of America's Olympic team either turning professional, retiring or sitting out the tourney, a flock of newcomers burst onto the amateur scene.

Outstanding Boxer Awards went to Lyndon Walker of Washington, D.C., in

the lighter classes, Victor Levine of Muncie, Ind., in the middle weights and Loren Ross of Fort Hood, Texas, in the heavier weight categories.

Walker defeated Lupe Gutierrez of Turlock, Calif., for the 125-pound title; Levine decisioned Obie Beard of Jackson, Tenn., for the 132-pound title, and Ross scored an upset win over the more experienced Ronnie Hughes of the Army at 178 pounds.

In other title bouts, James Harris, Washington, D.C., decisioned Brian Lonon of Arlington, Texas, at 106 pounds; Bernard Price of Muncie defeated Richard Duran of Sacramento, Calif., at 112 pounds; Eugene Speed of Palmer Park, Md., bested Les Fabri of Seattle at 119 pounds and Elvis Yero of Miami Beach, Fla., beat Kenneth Kidd of Jackson, Tenn., at 139.

Also, Daryl Lattimore of Washington, D.C., decisioned Alton Rice of Washington, D.C., at 147; Percy Harris of Baltimore edged Frankie Swindell of Nashville, Tenn., at 165 pounds; Michael Bent of Queens, N.Y., got by Orbit Pough of Miami, Fla., at 201; and Nathaniel Fitch of Ft. Bragg, N.C., stopped Alfred Slem of Detroit in the unlimited category.



156-pound champion Kevin Bryant
... 1st-round TKO

Frankfurt High rallies to capture volleyball crown

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Undefeated Frankfurt rallied from two games down to defeat Heidelberg for the Germany AA-AAA high school volleyball championship here Saturday.

Down 9-15 and 14-16 in the first two games, Frankfurt surged ahead 15-10, 15-5 and 15-10.

In the third place match, Zweibruecken beat Mannheim 1-15, 15-5, 9-15 and 15-13.

Frankfurt's Kelly Vervich won the MVP honors.

Chosen for the All-Tournament team were Marty Abraham of Mannheim, Chris Abraham (Mannheim), Michelle Johnson (Heidelberg), Rosalind Lambert (Heidelberg), Michelle Apple (Frankfurt), Vervich, Beverly Cromartie (Frankfurt), Teressa Paul (Zweibruecken), Kira Hurst (Zweibruecken), Jowell Flippin (Baumholder), Jeanette Caudill (Hanau) and Tammy Davidson (Berlin).

In the championship pool Heidelberg defeated Zweibruecken 16-14 and 15-13, and Frankfurt beat Mannheim 15-7, 15-12, and 15-9.

Earlier in the tournament, Bitburg dropped Wiesbaden 13-15, 15-10 and 15-5; Hanau defeated Wuerzburg 15-6 and 15-5; Heidelberg eliminated Berlin 13-15, 15-3 and 15-10, and Mannheim squeaked by Baumholder 18-16 and 15-11.