

# Bamberg gridgers blank Vilseck

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VILSECK, Germany — What was supposed to be a biggie in Germany A-Silver football turned out to be an all-Bamberg show Saturday.

The Barons rolled to a 28-0 victory over the Vilseck Falcons in a confrontation between undefeated high school teams.

The Barons (5-0) stopped the Falcons (4-1) following an interception and an 81-yard return by Adrian Douglas to the Bamberg 11 early in the game, then saw an interception of a Vilseck pass result in their second touchdown. That was the whole story.

Vilseck power back Rodney Brazeil fumbled on the third play of the Falcons' second possession, giving Bamberg the ball on the Vilseck 9. The Barons were penalized for holding on the first play from scrimmage after Jim Erbach's recovery.

Following a 2-yard loss, Rodney Harrell attempted a pass from the 27. It was picked off by Douglas, and he almost went all the way, getting nabbed from behind by Harrell at the Barons' 11.

Kenny Byrd, one of Vilseck's bread-and-butter runners all year, managed only 6 yards in three carries against Bamberg's rugged defense and a fourth-down pass was intercepted by Cleveland Ashley in

the end zone.

"When they didn't score after the interception and long return, our kids came to life," said Bamberg Head Coach Mike Giacchino. "We played good, solid defense for the whole game and forced them into a lot of mistakes."

The Barons couldn't generate an immediate offense after Ashley's interception, but they forced another fumble after Vilseck picked up three first downs, Mark Davis recovering on the Bamberg 19.

The Barons then drove 81 yards in nine plays. The touchdown came on a 30-yard pass from Harrell to Jimmy Thompson with 9:18 left in the second quarter.

Vilseck couldn't gain following the kickoff. Bamberg got right back in range when Lenki Eitsen's punt went only 11 yards before going out of bounds on the Vilseck 24.

On third down, Harrell threw into the end zone. Vilseck's Andy Jackson intercepted and started up field. He was hit on the 18. The ball was jarred loose and caromed backward toward the Vilseck end zone. Ashley pounced on it at the 10.

An illegal-procedure levy moved the ball back to the 15. Harrell, attempting to pass and on the verge of being sacked for a 10-yard loss, slipped out of the trap and wound up with an 8-yard gain.

William Brown got 6 yards more, then

Harrell crashed over for the TD. Mark Collins' kick made it 13-0, and it remained that way for the final 2½ minutes of the first half.

Vilseck, which had come from behind in all four of its previous victories, started the second half like it was going to do so again.

The Falcons moved to three straight first downs from their 27, but a fourth-and-two pass on the Bamberg 37 fell incomplete.

The Falcons were dead for the rest of the day.

A Harrell pass was intercepted by Tommy Buckley on the Vilseck 32, but the Falcons fumbled on the next play, and Robert Snell recovered. It was the third of five fumbles the home team lost.

The recovery was made on the Vilseck 36. Brown gained 15, then picked up 1.

On the next play, Harrell faked the feed to Brown and gave to Ashley instead. Vilseck defenders went for the fake, and Ashley had nothing between him and six points.

Vilseck fumbled the kickoff. Kevin Davernport got the ball back for Bamberg on the Vilseck 30.

The Barons got a first down at the 9 in three plays, but Vilseck defenders broke up two pass plays after Brown had gained 5 yards on a sweep.

Collins, the kicker on the 1983 Stars and Stripes All-Europe team, came in to boot a 22-yard field goal, making it 22-0.

Bamberg's defense just wouldn't yield, and Vilseck had to punt again right away.

The ball went to the Bamberg 35 and was returned 20 yards by Harrell. Seven plays later, Brown, who totaled 161 in 22 totes, went over from the 21.

No one on Bamberg dominated its defense, so balanced was Giacchino's alignment. What he did have was very good pursuit. Vilseck, which had been piling up over 200 yards a game, couldn't move the ball successfully and managed only 142 Saturday.

Brazeil was credited with 104 of them, but he lost the handle three times.

"We made mistakes out there today," Vilseck Coach Dave Smith said. "Too many mistakes. Things we have been doing right all year didn't go right today. We had our opportunities, but didn't capitalize on them."

"Of course, Bamberg's defense probably had something to do with that. Bamberg played a very good game. We didn't."

Douglas and Brazeil, going both ways, turned in stellar defensive games. Douglas had four solos among his 15 tackles. Brazeil had three solos and eight assists.

## 5th straight victory for Ramstein

# Williams' catches lift Royals over Wolves

WUERZBURG, Germany — Three touchdown receptions by Mike Williams and also three PAT catches — all for 24 points — helped Ramstein cruise past the Wuerzburg Wolves 38-0 for the Royals' fifth straight victory in the Germany AAA loop.

Ramstein scored 30 of its points in the third period.

Williams' first two TD catches came on passes from Eric Miller and gave the Royals a 16-0 lead. The first one was for 14 yards in the second period and the next one for 16 yards in the third quarter.

Mike Polk tallied on a 1-yard run for the third Royal score, and Williams caught his third straight PAT pass from Miller to make it 24-0.

Reggie Russell scored on a 3-yard run, and later Williams latched onto a Polk pass for a 40-yard touchdown play. After the Russell score, Miller passed to John White for the 2-point PAT.

Wuerzburg's deepest penetration was to the Ramstein 32 in the fourth period.

Polk hit 12 of 123 yards in passing. In receiving, Williams caught six passes for 16 yards.

On defense for Ramstein, Glenn Harper had 14 tackles and Ron Joyner 10. The Royals intercepted three passes.

For Wuerzburg, 1-4, Torris Little ran 12 times for 65 yards. Frank Quintana had eight tackles to lead the Wolves.

**Baumholder 20, Nuernberg 8**  
BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Quarterback Magerald Wilson and split end Kelvin Scott hooked up on a 37-yard touchdown pass to put Baumholder ahead to stay as the Bucs recorded their fourth Germany AA victory in five games and dropped Nuernberg to 2-3.

The Eagles grabbed the early lead on Bernard Taylor's 4-yard TD run, climaxing a nine-play, 70-yard drive. Taylor also ran over the PAT for an 8-0 Nuernberg lead.

But the Bucs came right back with a fumble recovery on their own 43 and an 11-play drive. Fullback Greg Guerrero scored the touchdown on a 1-yard slant off tackle and Jeff Wilson ran over the tying conversion points.

Scott's touchdown reception — climax-

ing a four-play, 60-yard strike — came in the second period. But the PAT run failed, leaving Baumholder with a precarious 14-8 halftime lead.

The Bucs wrapped up the victory in the final quarter with Jeff Wilson running 7 yards for a TD to cap a 75-yard march in 10 plays.

Jeff Wilson gained the bulk of Baumholder's 215 rushing yards with 134 in 30 carries. The Bucs added 139 yards passing.

Taylor was the Eagles' workhorse and the game's leading rusher with 162 yards in 32 carries. Nuernberg passed for 139 yards and rushed for 89.

Nick Cerosimo and Guerrero were Baumholder's defensive standouts. Cerosimo, a 5-foot-8, 170-pound nose guard, recovered two fumbles, had six unassisted

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tackles, including a sack, and seven assisted tackles. Guerrero, a linebacker on defense, was credited with 17 tackles, seven of them unassisted.

For Nuernberg, linebacker Mike Barton had six tackles and six assists, and tackle Tom Tinsley had five unassisted tackles and six assists.

### Ulm 22, Bad Kreuznach 20

ULM, Germany — Ulm's Marauders scored 16 points in the fourth quarter to overtake the Bad Kreuznach Bearkats in a Germany A-Silver game.

Tailback Leon Cooper rushed 3 yards for the game-tying touchdown and then ran over the PAT for the winning points in the fourth quarter.

Earlier in the final period, Marauder quarterback Larry Tharpe scored on a 2-yard sneak and fullback Dale Russell ran in the points-after.

Bad Kreuznach opened up the game with halfback Dexter Gladney scoring on a 40-yard dash.

Ulm countered in the second period with Russell scoring on a 75-yard TD run. Russell led rushing for the Marauders with 125 yards on 11 carries, and doubled as a middle linebacker with four individual tackles and eight assists.

Later in the second quarter Gladney ran 40 yards for another touchdown. Bad Kreuznach was then given an uncredited safety when the Ulm punter stepped out of the end zone.

Gladney scored again on a 42-yard pass from Bearkat QB Tim Williams.

Gladney led Bad Kreuznach's rushing with 100 yards on 16 carries and linebacker Dirk Lampron had six solo tackles and three assists.

### Hahn 9, AFCENT 6

HAHN, Germany — Poor field conditions aided the defenses in shutting down most of the offense as the Hi-Hawks squeaked by the Lions Saturday.

Hahn opened the scoring with a first-quarter field goal by quarterback Ben Verdore set up when AFCENT fumbled on its own 34. Hahn moved to the 17 before settling for the boot.

AFCENT cornerback Robert Lofgrien then grabbed a Verdore pass and returned it 70 yards to put the Lions ahead in the second quarter 6-3.

Hi-Hawks tackle Mike Kessler batted the ball and intercepted off the Lions' Ken Driggers and returned it 23 yards to the AFCENT 7. Fullback Leonard Peters carried the ball 1 yard on the first play, the final 6 yards on the next.

AFCENT threatened late in the fourth quarter, moving into the Hahn 10. A motion penalty took the Lions back to the 15. Then cornerback Steve Dunn intercepted another Driggers pass to end the threat.

Both teams lost three fumbles and AFCENT was intercepted three times, Hahn twice.

### Bitburg 16, Berlin 0

BITBURG AB, Germany — A first-quarter safety gave Bitburg's Barons all the points they needed Saturday to blank Berlin in a Germany AA game.

The victory boosted Bitburg to 5-0 on the year and set up a Saturday collision at home with Zweibruecken's Trojans, also 5-0 after beating the Osterholz Black-hawks 28-14.

On a rainy, muddy afternoon, Bitburg's first drive stalled inside the Bears' 10 and the Barons turned it over. Berlin's first two plays lost five yards. On third and 15, quarterback Steve O'Hearne faded back to pass and was



Scott Gumaer

Bruce Wade

nailed by Baron tackle Scott Gumaer, nose guard Bryan Griggs and defensive end Jeff Gordon for a safety.

Bitburg scored a touchdown off a 37-yard drive in the third quarter, capped when William Campbell plunged over from the 1. Eric Guth booted the extra point.

In the fourth period, Bitburg mounted a 42-yard scoring drive. Quarterback Sean Moreau found split end Philip Ardoin drifting across the middle and hit him with a 9-yard TD pass.

Bitburg trounced out 212 yards on the ground on 48 rushes. Charles Byrd picked up 80 yards on 17 carries.

Bitburg defenders held Berlin runners to just 20 yards on 40 totes. Berlin added 64 passing yards for 84 total. It was the fifth straight week Bitburg held an opponent to under 100 yards.

Griggs, a 6-foot-3, 245-pound sophomore, had one solo tackle, 13 assists and a fumble recovery and was in on the safety sack. Gumaer had one solo, 10 assists, a blocked punt and a batted-down pass. Linebacker Bruce Wade had two solos and 15 assists and cornerback Mark Valderama had one solo, eight assists and two interceptions.

For Berlin, Tim Murphy had four solos, six assists and a fumble recovery. Linebacker Ken Magre had three solos and nine assists.

### ISB 40, Bonn 7

BONN — The ISB Raiders exploded for 20 first-quarter points and cruised past Bonn in a Benenor Division contest.

The victory gave ISB a 4-0 league record. See ROYALS on Page 26