

Ramstein rushes past Heidelberg

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HEIDELBERG — The Ramstein Royals' devastating ground game was too much for the Heidelberg Lions here Saturday.

The Royals, who piled up 291 yards overall, scored on their first two possessions of the second half and then held on for a 28-21 Germany AAA victory over the Lions, who did their damage on a 157-yard passing attack engineered by freshman Eric Zeier.

Zeier connected for two touchdowns with a 15-for-22 effort.

The Royals, who finished second in the AAA last year but came on in the playoffs to win the Big Schools game, registered their second straight victory of this campaign, their first in league play. Heidelberg is 1-1, both games counting in the AAA standings.

The Royals scored on their first possession of the game, but fell behind when Heidelberg struck for two touchdowns in the middle of the second period, and then

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got a game-tying tally with 2:27 remaining in the half to set the stage for the second-half, victory-producing march — one covering 67 yards, the second 73.

The Royals of Tom Lockyer took over on their 42 following a short Heidelberg punt into a rather strong wind. Thirteen plays later, 6-2, 230-pound fullback Chris Kelley barged into the end zone from the two and Tim Sailors booted the first of his four straight conversions.

The big plays in the drive were a 16-yard option-keeper around right end by quarterback Lance Koss and a 12-yard Koss aerial to Brad Glosson, that pass coming after Koss had eluded three "certain" sacks before getting the ball away.

Heidelberg, which did absolutely nothing in its first possession via a ground game, then went to the air, and Zeier completed his first eight passes to engineer two successful touchdown drives.

During a 72-yard TD march, Zeier had an 8-yard pass to Brad Hogan, 28-, 6- and 15-yarders to Ron George, the latter setting up a 2-yard scoring plunge by Monte Davis. Kevin Hall converted on the first of his three PATs.

A 10-yard punt, which gave the Lions

possession on their 44, set up Heidelberg's second touchdown. Zeier connected with Milo Bryant for 6 yards and Davis for 4 before throwing his first incomplete pass. He bounced back from that by hitting Bryant on a 36-yard scoring aerial. Bryant was so alone, one would think only one team was on the field.

But the Royals bounced right back to tie the count. They drove 79 yards in six plays, Koss getting the TD on a 22-yard naked bootleg around left end. He also contributed a 29-yard jaunt after being unable to find a receiver on a pass play.

It took the Royals only five plays to take the lead for good following intermission.

Bill Karl carried the kickoff back 29 yards to the Royals' 33 to put the drive in motion. Then, Kelly rumbled around left end for 17 on a pitchout, Chris Blake picked up 2 and Mike Ghent, who had 123 yards on 15 carries, romped for 34. Three plays later, he scored from the 9.

Heidelberg got two successive possessions, the second when it recovered a partially-blocked punt on Ramstein's 41. But couldn't do anything and had to punt again. This time the Royals stayed away from the ball and Heidelberg downed it on the 27.

Kelley got the touchdown on the 15th play, seconds after Koss narrowly had missed tallying on his second naked bootleg. He gained 15 yards on the play and was pushed out of bounds inches from the goal.

A fumbled punt set up Heidelberg's last score. It followed two successive sacks of Zeier that moved the ball from Heidelberg's 48 to its 33.

Julius Hollie fumbled the punt on the Ramstein 39 and Mike Jacobs recovered for the Lions. Zeier passed to George for 7, Hogan for 5, George for 8 and ran to the 4. Then he hit Clint Kirk for the score.

Wiesbaden 12, Stuttgart 0

STUTTGART — The Wiesbaden Warriors scored touchdowns by ground and air rolling to a rain-drenched win over the Stuttgart Stallions Saturday.

Warrior tailback Duane Anderson ran off-tackle for an 8-yard TD in the second quarter for a 6-0 lead. Then Tom Randolph tossed a 10-yard pass to Tony Barner for a third-quarter TD.

Stuttgart's offense never found traction on the soggy turf working up a total offense



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Ramstein's Billy Jenkins (top) and Mike Ghent sack Heidelberg QB Eric Zeier.

of 58 yards — 45 by foot, 13 by pass.

Anderson ran for 74 yards to spark Wiesbaden's 92-yard rushing production. The Warriors were blanked in passing.

Wiesbaden linebackers Anthony Williams and Andy Lautzenhiser combined for 15 tackles, while Stuttgart's Joe Walters had nine solos and five assisted tackles.

Mannheim 32, Kaiserslautern 0

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Nadi Leonard scored two touchdowns to pace Mannheim past Kaiserslautern.

Leonard plunged 2 yards in the third quarter to give the Bison a 13-0 lead. He produced the final TD on a 38-yard scamper in the fourth quarter.

Leonard finished with 95 rushing

yards in a Mannheim offense that amassed 355.

The Bison's first TD came on Corey Jenkins' 38-yard pass to Travis Jenkins.

Mannheim's other touchdowns came on linebacker Soli Letuligassenoa's fumble recovery in the end zone and Sebastian Crawford's 28-yard sprint. Brad Lengle kicked two extra points.

Mannheim, 1-1, got major defensive help from Rocknee Gardner (two interceptions), Derrick Black (blocked punt), Tai Doik (seven tackles) and Pete McDowell (six tackles).

The Red Raiders, 0-2, were held to 28 yards. Punter Mark Snyder averaged 40 yards in six kicks.

Jones boosts Bitburg over Hanau 24-0

BITBURG, Germany — Cedric Jones passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third to boost Bitburg past Hanau 24-0 in a high school football game Saturday.

Jones, a junior quarterback, opened the scoring with a 15-yard pass to tight end Ben Robinson.

Jones made it 12-0 in the first quarter by plunging from the 1.

Jones came back in the second quarter to fire a 25-yarder to halfback Vince Kelley.

The Barons' final touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Tyke Mix ran a reverse 6 yards.

Bitburg amassed 301 yards rushing. Mix ran 22 times for 134 yards and Kelley 10 for 119.

Jones rushed 13 times for 44 yards and hit three of 11 passes for 48 yards.

The Panthers gained 72 yards rushing and 120 passing. Reggie Osborne gained 71 yards in 14 carries.

Safety Kelley, cornerback Mix and linebacker Mike St. Julien led Bitburg's defense. Linebacker Joe Baker and nose guard Eric Surface paced Hanau's defense.

In other AA games Saturday:

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Nuernberg 13, Patch 6

STUTTGART — Kicking — rather failing to kick — told the story as the Nuernberg Eagles outlasted the Patch Panthers to record their second-straight Germany AA victory.

Patch got its touchdown when it converted a bad Nuernberg snap from center when the Eagles were trying to punt from their 12. Two plays later, halfback Joe Dawson scored from the 8 and the PAT kick failed.

The Panthers reciprocated in the fourth period. Punter David Beaver dropped the snap and Nuernberg took over on the 4. On the second play, Terry Golden got the Eagles' TD from the 2. Patch linebacker Tim Bowman blocked the PAT kick.

Nuernberg had to work hard for its winning touchdown after blocking another Patch punt later in the period. The Eagles took over on the Panthers' 8, but they needed six plays because of three penalties before finally getting the TD on

a Jesse Bruce-Andre Metoyer flat pass from the original line of scrimmage.

The game was played in a driving rain and the statistics reflected that condition. Nuernberg managed only 76 yards rushing and 13 passing, and Patch ran for 41 yards and passed for 35.

Bowman had 11 tackles in addition to his blocked PAT, and Lee Jones had 10 tackles and an interception for the Panthers.

Baumholder 34, Zweibruecken 26

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Quarterback Warren Hodge passed for three touchdowns and ran for another as the Baumholder Bucs built a 34-0 third quarter lead, then watched as the Zweibruecken Trojans put together a 26-point fourth quarter against the Buc reserves.

Hodge, 8 of 15 for 143 yards on the day, hit split end James Collier with first-period bombs of 33 and 52 yards to get the Bucs off to their big start.

The twin strikes capped 80-yard drives, and Hodge followed a 1-yard scoring plunge by running back James Winslow with a 1-yard TD run of his own as the Bucs took a 27-0 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

Hodge's running TD was set up by a 30-yard gain on a reverse by Lonzo Wallace, which carried to the Trojans' 1.

Hodge completed the Bucs' scoring with a 5-yard touchdown pass into the hands of tight end John Hughes.

The Bucs ran up 326 yards against the Trojans' defense, which was led by defensive end Ed Simon (12 solo tackles) and linebacker Marcus Twine (10 unassisted stops).

Nose guard Dewain Leake was the biggest force in shutting down the Trojans. Leake had 11 unassisted tackles, an interception, and three sacks for a total of 32 yards in losses. He was assisted by defensive end Ron Barrowclough and linebacker Ed Rhone, who had 13 solo tackles between them before giving way to the reserves.

Down 34-0, Zweibruecken came storming back against the Bucs' subs. Twine's 2-yard TD run got the Trojans on the board, and Mike Keener added a 50-yard scoring strike to Jewell Borden and one of 9 yards to Corey Maness.

Kevin Hogan chipped in with a 4-yard TD run and a two-point conversion run as the late rally came up short.