

# Wiesbaden Cops Class A Tournament

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WIESBADEN—Max Johnson and Greg Bailey had their best nights of the year and this and the rebounding of Ken Rogers was too much for Nurn-

berg as Wiesbaden won the Class A basketball championship on a hard-fought 74-66 verdict. Johnson and Bailey had extraordinary streaks of accuracy and broke the Nurnberg comeback

spirit in the last quarter although the Green Tide couldn't be counted out until the last minute.

Both clubs were hot right from the start and raced down the floor as though they enjoyed basketball. Johnson, usually counted on for rebounds, gave the Warriors a whopping big dozen markers in the first quarter and his last two buckets and one by Bailey permitted Wiesbaden to enjoy a 24-18 lead at the quarter despite the seven-point effort of Nurnberg's smooth Jeff Bartle.

## Fought Back

In the second stanza Bailey and Rogers upped the Warrior edge to 10 on quick buckets before Nurnberg fought back behind Chuck Robinson and Bartle to cut it to six and stay there the rest of the period, Wiesbaden holding a 38-32 command at the half.

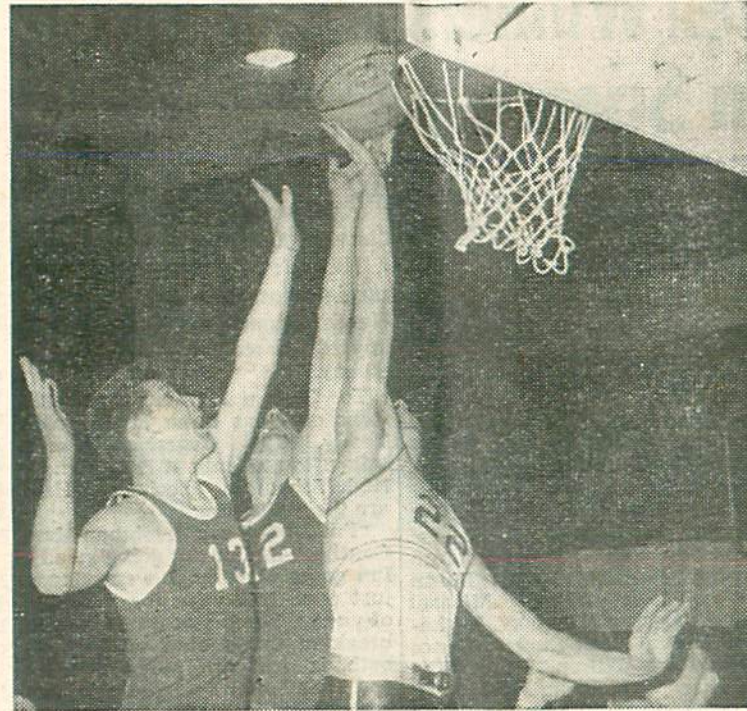
In the third quarter Nurnberg made one of its patented rallies. Two quick baskets by Bob Baker and Robinson's jump shot brought the Tide up to 43-40. But then Wiesbaden pulled steadily away as Bailey hit on jumpers from 15 feet time after time to counteract the sets of Bartle and one-handers of Robinson.

Although the Green stayed close, Wiesbaden's Bailey kept a five-point difference between the clubs and a rebounded layup by Rogers and jumper by Bailey opened that to nine at three quarters, 56-47.

## Tide Comeback

Bartle's two free throws and two jump shots by Robinson from 30 feet set the stage for another Tide comeback which reached its peak when Rick Vranisch swished one from 35 feet to cut the gap to 64-61.

But then Baker fouled out and Rogers came in off the bench to



Ken Rogers (22) outleaps Bob Baker (13) and Ray Moskowicz (12) to tip in a basket for Wiesbaden in Class A finale. —OF Photos

## Third Spot Goes To Red Raiders

KAISERSLAUTERN — In one of the most foul-marred games in dependent school tournament history, the K-Town Red Raiders squeezed past Lakenheath 68-65 in overtime for third place in the Class A tourney.

There were 34 personals called against K-Town and 19 against the Lancers from England, and Lakenheath's poor shooting from the line in the last quarter turned out to be the ruin of the visitors.

K-Town, as in the day before, built up a fat lead only to blow it in the end of the third and beginning of the fourth quarters. But the Raiders came back in overtime and took a quick lead, held on and won out after the tying basket was nullified by a disputed call.

Both teams scored about equally from the floor the first quarter with K-Town shooting twice as much as Lakenheath, but the Raiders added eight of 12 free throws to take a 20-14 quarter lead.

In the second period the one-and-one situation became important. K-Town made six points on this in three such calls while the Lancers made six points on five such calls.

Big Tom Gaskell and Terry Riddle were doing a good job of keeping Dan James out from under

overtime and when Les Gaskin missed the second of his two free ones, Seaman dribbled down and passed to Bob Ferranti and Ferranti socked in a jumper from eight feet to make it 67-64 with 23 seconds left.

Dick O'Keefe missed two at the line for K-Town and fouled Willie Black with 17 seconds left on a drive. Black missed the first and hit the second. Seaman's pass down the floor then was pilfered by Gaskin, but Seaman stole it right back and Mitchell was fouled with nine seconds.

Mitchell missed, and after a jump ball Martin drove in for the tying bucket at two seconds left. The refs disallowed the basket on the claim that Martin charged offensively before the shot.

Two technicals then were called on the protesting Lakenheath coach and Bob English sank one for a final 68-65 score.

High scorers were James for the Lancers at 24, Gaskin at 13, Martin at 12 and Black, who had a hard time at the line, with eight. For the winners it was Gaskell with 12, Seaman with 10, Graf with nine and Mark Nicholson, Gordie Wilder and Ferranti with eight each.