

Wing wins championship tournament

Tournament sees battle between the base's best

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The 60th Military Airlift Wing (MAW) rushed through the 1978 Intramural Basketball Championship play-offs by sweeping four straight games to become Base Champions.

Wing triumphed in the double elimination tournament as a direct result of its strong defense and accuracy from the foul line. Player-Coach Bo Harris kept a tight rein on his team throughout the tourney by playing and resting his players at the right time and calling timeouts when needed.

Mistakes hurt Wing opponents

Harris's team was also able to capitalize on the mistakes made by the other teams.

In the finals against Supply, 60th MAW player Dan Hudson sank 23 points for his tournament high in his team's 60-56 victory. Supply entered the finals via the losers bracket. The team lost their opening match against the 602nd Organizational Maintenance Squadron (OMS) 46-44, but then won their next four games.

Security Police hard to beat

MAW's road wasn't an easy one as they were almost upset by the three-time Base Champion 60th Security Police Squadron (SPS). However, MAW pulled out a 45-44 victory in the last moments of the game on Jimmy Grave's free throws.

The Wing next went up against the David Grant Medical Center (DGMCC) and once again won the game (50-43) in the final minutes because of free throws. Hudson scored 20 points.

In the game between MAW and the 602nd, MAW took an early lead that it never lost. The Wing won 50-48, and then had to wait to see who would emerge from the losers bracket.

The 602nd OMS was the cinderella team of the tournament. It defeated the American League Champion Supply Team 46-44, and easily handled the 307th Aerial Refueling Group 45-31 behind Charles Crowder's 20 points.

Supply breaks OMS' glass slipper

However, Supply had, by this time, gotten its act together. Hoovia Rodgers, Roy Washington and Carl Jasper were hot and the 60th Field Maintenance Squadron, DGMCC, SPS, and OMS all fell to the team's blistering attack. Next came MAW.

Full house witnesses final battle

A full house at the Base Gym witnessed the battle between the top teams of the American and National Leagues.

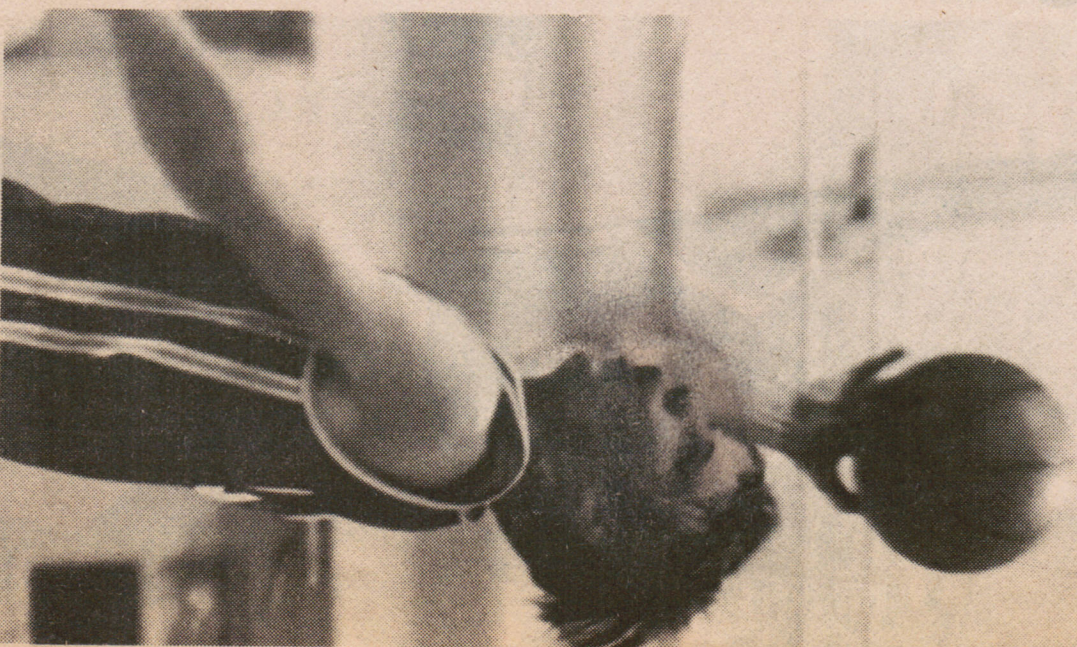
MAW took command in the first half, and when the buzzer rang, it lead 31-23. Hudson sank 14 points and held Rodgers to only two. Wing did have the problem of Alcee Gray getting into early foul trouble, thus he had to sit out out most of the first half.

Supply doesn't come close enough

Rodgers pulled Supply closer to MAW as he found the range outside and sank 12 points. However, the Wing proved too tenacious for Supply and hung on to victory.

Top point getters for the 60th MAW were: Hudson, 23; Marshall Johnson, 10; Harris, 9; Graves and Alfred Jones, 7 each. Supply's best were Carl Jasper, 16 and Kevin McGowen with 10.

For more intramural basketball, see awards story next page.



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Carl Jasper, 60th Supply Squadron Team, had fingertip control during the Base Championship Saturday. Jasper was also selected for the All-Tournament Team.