



Euromillions League Round 8: Oostende defeats Okapi Aalstar in the closest game of the week - Nov 13, 2017



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The most exciting game of round 8 in the Euromillions League took place in Aalstar. This derby game ended with only two-point home defeat of second-ranked **Okapi Aalstar** (6-2) to top-ranked **Oostende** (8-0) **90-88** in the game for the first place. It ended at the same time the four-game winning streak of Okapi Aalstar. Oostende dominated down low during the game scoring 56 of its points in the paint compared to Okapi Aalstar's 36. Worth to mention a great performance of international forward **Jean-Marc Mwema** (195-89, agency: **Court Side**) who helped to win the game recording 12 points and 9 rebounds and the former international swingman **Elias Lasisi** (192-92) who added 17 points during the contest. Samoan-American power forward **John Tofi** (203-84, college: **UTEP**, agency: **Pensack Sports**) responded with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Okapi Aalstar's coach rotated ten players in this game, but that didn't help. Undefeated Oostende have an impressive eight-game winning streak. Defending champion maintains first position with 8-0 record. Okapi Aalstar at the other side keeps the second place with two games lost. Oostende are looking forward to face **Antwerp Giants** (#3) at home in the next round, which may be the game of the day. Okapi Aalstar will play against **Spirou Charleroi** and is hoping to prove to their fans that this time they can win.



Bottom-ranked **Leuven Bears** (0-8) is still winless. This time they lost on the road their eighth consecutive match to fourth ranked **Belfius Mons-Hainaut** (5-3) **90-75**. Americans were the main players on the court. The winners were led by guard **Chris Jones** (188-93, college: **Angelo St.**) who scored that evening 14 points and 4 assists (on 7-of-9 shooting from the field) and **Juvonte Reddic** supported him with 16 points (on 8-of-10 shooting from the field). Belfius Mons-Hainaut's coach **Daniel Goethals** used entire bench which allowed the starters a little rest for the next games. Even 16 points and 9 assists by guard **Rod Camphor** (191-92, college: **SW Oklahoma St.**) did not help to save the game for Leuven Bears. Belfius Mons-Hainaut maintains fourth position with 5-3 record. Leuven Bears at the other side still closes the standings with eight games lost. Belfius Mons-Hainaut will play against **Kangoeroes** (#6) in Willebroek in the next round. Leuven Bears will play at home against **Basic-Fit Brussels** (#9) and hope to get finally their first victory.

The game in Limburg was also quite interesting. Sixth ranked **Spirou Charleroi** (4-3) played at the court of 7th ranked **Limburg United** (2-5). Spirou Charleroi managed to secure a 4-point victory **95-91** on Friday. The best player for the winners was **Scott Thomas** who scored 13 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists. Spirou Charleroi's coach **Brian Lynch** used a ten-player rotation in such tough game. **Tate Unruh** produced 17 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists for the hosts. Spirou Charleroi have a solid three-game winning streak. They moved-up to fifth place. Loser Limburg United dropped to the eighth position with five games lost. Spirou Charleroi will meet at home league's second-placed Okapi Aalstar in the next round and it may be quite challenging game. Limburg United will play against **Liege Basket** (#7) and it may be a tough game between close rivals.

Fourth ranked **Antwerp Giants** (5-1) crushed at home 6th ranked **Kangoeroes** (3-4) by 46 points **106-60**, which is the biggest margin this round. **Dennis Donkor** orchestrated the victory by scoring 19 points. The winner was already known earlier in the game, so both coaches allowed to play the bench players saving starting five for next games. Antwerp Giants moved-up to third place. Kangoeroes lost third consecutive game. They keep the sixth position with four games lost. Antwerp Giants' next round opponent will be league's leader Oostende on the road and it will be for sure the game of the week. Kangoeroes will play against Belfius Mons-Hainaut (#4) and it may be a tough game between close rivals.

In the last game of round 8 Liege won against Brussels on the opponent's court 90-82.

Brussels - Liege 82-90

Rather expected game when 9th ranked **Basic-Fit Brussels** (1-6) were defeated at home by seventh ranked **Liege Basket** (3-5) 90-82. Point guard **Terry Deroover** (178-91) orchestrated the victory by scoring 25 points and 4 assists. Serbian swingman **Milos Bojovic** (198-81, agency: [O11 Sports](#)) contributed with 19 points and 6 rebounds for the winners. American guard **Mike Smith** (198-87, college: [E.Tenn.St.](#)) replied with 24 points and 5 rebounds (on 10-of-12 shooting from the field) and his fellow American import power forward **Brandon Peterson** (204-90, college: [Arkansas St.](#), agency: [Inception Sports](#)) added 10 points and 6 rebounds in the effort for Basic-Fit Brussels. Both teams had four players each who scored in double figures. Basic-Fit Brussels' coach tested ten players, but that didn't help to avoid defeat in this game. Liege Basket maintains seventh position with 3-5 record. Basic-Fit Brussels lost fourth consecutive game. They keep the ninth place with six games lost. Liege Basket's next round opponent will be Limburg United (#8) at home. Basic-Fit Brussels will play against Leuven Bears and it may be a tough game between close rivals.

Top scorers:

Brussels: M.Smith 24+5reb+2ast, B.Peterson 10+6reb+2ast, K.Harrell 10+1reb+4ast, G.Muya 10+1reb+3ast, J.Simmons 10+2reb, M.Depuydt 7+3reb+4ast

Liege: T.Deroover 25+2reb+4ast, M.Bojovic 19+6reb+2ast, F.Lhoest 14+5reb+1ast, D.Harris 10+4reb+1ast, T.Larson 8+2reb+5ast, J.Cebasek 5+5reb+2ast