



## Euromillions League Round 14: No surprise as #1 Oostende defeats Liege Basket - Jan 7, 2018



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Euromillions League top team - **Oostende** (14-0) managed to deliver another win on Friday. This time they beat eighth ranked **Liege Basket** (5-8) [85-73](#). Montenegrin [Vladimir Mihailovic](#) (193-90, agency: [BeoBasket](#)) scored 16 points and 6 rebounds to lead the charge for the winners and the former international swingman [Elias Lasisi](#) (192-92) chipped in 20 points (on 8-of-9 shooting from the field) during the contest. Oostende's coach [Dario Gjergja](#) used a ten-player rotation which allowed the starters a little rest for the next games. point guard [Terry Deroover](#) (178-91) responded with 24 points (was perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line !!!). Undefeated Oostende have an impressive 14-game winning streak. Defending champion maintains first position with 14-0 record. Liege Basket at the other side dropped to the sixth place with eight games lost. They share the position with Kangoeroes and Limburg United. Oostende are looking forward to face Basic-Fit Brussels (#9) at home in the next round and are hoping to win another game. Liege Basket will play against Spirou Charleroi and it may be a tough game between close rivals.

The game in Limburg was also worth to mention about. Third ranked **Belfius Mons-Hainaut** (9-4) played at the court of 6th ranked **Limburg United** (5-8). Belfius Mons-Hainaut defeated Limburg United [86-75](#). It ended at the same time the two-game winning streak of Limburg United. Americans were the main players on the court. Swingman [Garlon Green](#) (201-91, college: [TCU](#)) notched 19 points and 5 rebounds to lead the effort and [Chris Jones](#) supported him with 14 points and 6 rebounds. Even a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds by center [Khalig Spicer](#) (206-94, college: [Kent St.](#), agency: [3Eye](#)) did not help to save the game for Limburg United. Limburg United's coach [Pascal Angillis](#) rotated eleven players in this game, but that didn't help. Belfius Mons-Hainaut have a solid three-game winning streak. They moved-up to second place. Limburg United at the other side keeps the sixth position with eight games lost. They share it with Kangoeroes and Liege. Belfius Mons-Hainaut will play against Antwerp Giants (#3) at home in the next round, which may be the game of the day. Limburg United will play against Kangoeroes in Willebroek and it may be a tough game between close rivals.

In the last two games of round 14 Brussels lost to Aalstar on the opponent's

court 72-77. Spirou managed to outperform Kangoeroes in a home game 80-75. The most impressive stats of the last round was 18 points and 7 rebounds by [John Tofi](#) of Aalstar.

## **Aalstar - Brussels [77-72](#)**

Very expected game when 9th ranked **Basic-Fit Brussels** (2-11) were defeated on the road by fifth ranked **Okapi Aalstar** (8-5) [77-72](#). However just five-point win is not that big difference and the fans of host team counted on more convincing victory. Okapi Aalstar made 19-of-24 charity shots (79.2 percent) during the game. Samoan-American power forward [John Tofi](#) (203-84, college: [UTEP](#), agency: [Pensack Sports](#)) notched 18 points and 7 rebounds (on 7-of-8 shooting from the field) to lead the effort and American-Armenian forward [Andrew Chrabascz](#) (203-94, college: [Butler](#)) supported him with 12 points. Even 19 points and 5 rebounds by American guard [Mike Smith](#) (198-87, college: [E.Tenn.St.](#)) did not help to save the game for Basic-Fit Brussels. His fellow American import power forward [Brandon Peterson](#) (204-90, college: [Arkansas St.](#), agency: [Inception Sports](#)) added 8 points and 8 rebounds for the guests. Basic-Fit Brussels' coach rotated ten players in this game, but that didn't help. Okapi Aalstar moved-up to fourth place. Basic-Fit Brussels lost third consecutive game. They keep the ninth position with 11 games lost. Okapi Aalstar will play against bottom-ranked Leuven Bears (#10) on the road in the next round where they are favorite. Basic-Fit Brussels will play against the league's leader Oostende and hope to get back on the winning track.

### **Top scorers:**

Brussels: M.Smith 19+5reb, B.Peterson 8+8reb+1ast, J.Simmons 8+4reb, A.Peciukevicius 8+4reb+4ast, A.Lichodzijewski 8+5reb+1ast, G.Muya 8+3reb

Aalstar: J.Tofi 18+7reb+1ast, V.Taylor 13+1reb+1ast, A.Chrabascz 12+4reb+2ast, O.Troisfontaines 10+1reb, S.Geukens 7, K.Dunham 7+2reb+1ast