



In the 57th edition of the Pokal Cup in the German BBL, the semifinals will take place on Saturday, with the first game featuring **Oldenburg vs. Ludwigsburg**.



In **The Blueprint**, we discuss the insights, players, and approaches of each team as they play for a spot in the final and will face the winner of FC Bayern München and ALBA Berlin to become this year's **Pokalsieger** (Cup Winner).

### Path to the "Top Four"

- Won at Würzburg in the round of 16, before beating Heidelberg in the quarterfinals
- Currently 4th in the German BBL, 12-7

### Team Insights

Oldenburg is equipped with a well-balanced, high-volume offense that will attack the rim aggressively but remain disciplined with shot selection

- 2nd in FGA 67/game, 9th in PPG 85.0
- 1st in OFF REB, 3rd in TOT REB 37.3

Defensively, Oldenburg pressures constantly to disrupt the rhythm of opposing teams and reduce points per possession

- Opponents turn the ball over 15 times per game

### Impact Players

Oldenburg

- **Dewayne Russel**, PG
- Nationality: American
- College: Grand Canyon
- Leads team in PTS & AST

Ludwigsburg

- **Prentiss Hubb**, PG
- Nationality: American
- College: Notre Dame
- Leads team in PTS & AST



### Path to the "Top Four"

- Won at Hamburg in the round of 16, then away at Crailsheim in the quarterfinals
- Currently 6th in the German BBL, 11-7

### Team Insights

Ludwigsburg takes a perimeter approach, relying heavily on 3-pointers and the success of 1-1 play to break down defenses and find open shooters

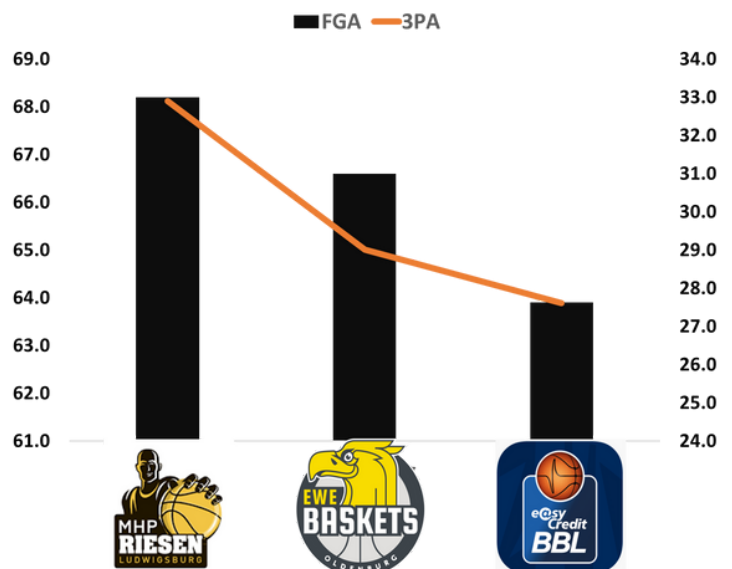
- 1st in FGA 68.4/game, 4th in PPG 87.8
- 1st in 3PA, 1st in 3PM

On the defensive end, Ludwigsburg will try to limit opponents' 3PT shooting, but they struggle to force TOs

- Opposing teams shoot <25 3PTers per game

### Winning Numbers

- Both teams attempt more FGs + 3PTs than the league average (*high volume offenses*)
  - **FGA:** Ludwigsburg 1st, Oldenburg 2nd
  - **3PA:** Ludwigsburg 1st, Oldenburg 5th



### The Blueprint

- **3PT Efficiency** - Although both teams are top 5 in 3PA, they are at the bottom of the German BBL in 3PT%
  - Finding success beyond the arc in a potentially **high-scoring game** will be critical
- **Ball Security** - Despite two fast-paced offenses, both teams cherish possessions and keep TOs low
  - Whichever defense is most **aggressive and opportunistic** throughout the 40 mins will win