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their fans, it did not stop us from defeating their team 82-79 and giving the Hazleton campus the Eastern Regional Championship and a chance to play in the C.C.A.C. Championship Game on Saturday, February 28th, at PSU - Capitol Campus against PSU - New Kensington.

PSU - New Kensington had a quick start which lasted until halftime. The score at that point was 46-30, in favor of the opposition. However, the Hazleton Lions staged a furious comeback in the second half of the game to close the deficit to 4 points. Yet early foul problems helped lead to 3 players fouling out of the game, including Jeff Dutzer, who left the game with 6:37 remaining. Bill Lawrence and Jim Seamon later joined Dutzer on the bench in the final minutes of the game.

In the end, New Kensington claimed the C.C.A.C. Championship with

an 87-74 victory over the PSU - Hazleton Lions. The team was led by freshman guard Marty Biasi's 23 points, including 5 three point field goals. Dave Maff, Ed Zukowski, and Jeff Dutzer also were in double figures in scoring, each with 10 points. Zukowski pulled down 15 rebounds while his counterpart, Bill Lawrence, scored 9 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Jim Seamon finished the game scoring 2 points.

Although they lost the game, the PSU - Hazleton Lions basketball team won our hearts. Overcoming a horrid start and tremendous adversity, they went on to enjoy one of the best seasons in PSU - Hazleton basketball history. Night after night they played with fire in their eyes and determination in their hearts. They should not be remembered as a team that lost the championship or of individuals who broke milestones but as a class act team who never heard of the word quit. They are the real winners.

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took us a year before we were granted our visas and permission to leave the country.

It has been a long time since our arrival into the United States. Since then, Jacob has graduated from college and medical school and is now a successful doctor. My daughter, Katerina, graduated with honors from college and law school and now is a partner of a major law firm in New York. We get together every other month and enjoy each other's company. We never talk about the war - ever.

It is said that once an individual experiences an event or occurrence, it stays with him forever. I am inclined to agree. The day we arrived at Auschwitz has stayed with me since that day and shall be a part of me until the day I die. I will always remember.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A FEW OF THE DATES ARE OUT OF TIME SEQUENCE IN THIS STORY. HOWEVER, DISCUSSING DATES IS NOT MY INTENTION HERE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NARRATIVE IS TO PROVIDE YOU, THE READER, WITH A CLEAR CUT UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMOTIONAL TRAUMA EXPERIENCED BY MANY SOLDIERS DURING THE LIBERATION OF THE CONCENTRATION AND DEATH CAMPS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR.