

S & S athlete of year

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This past week Stars & Stripes announced the high school Athlete of the Year. For the first year, there is also a female Athlete of the Year. Kim Jones and Randy Smith of Berlin were nominated for this award. Both seniors played tennis; Kim taking first in Europe and Randy third; were on the varsity basketball teams; and while Randy took first place in the USDESEA Golf Championships, Kim led the volleyball team to second place and was named as an All-Tournament player.

Randy Smith won out of a field of 19 nominees while Kim lost, together with 14 other girls, to Chris Foster of Bonn.

Smith captained the golf and basketball teams this year and coordinated the activities in tennis. He won the Northern Regional and USDESEA golf titles, led the basketball team in scoring and assists while earning Red

Division All-USDESEA, Stars & Stripes All-Conference and All-Europe recognition as well as being named to the Northern Regional Class B all-tournament team. In tennis he completed his second year of undefeated regular-season competition and finished second in the Germany Regionals at Wuerzburg. As mentioned before, he took third place in the American Embassy Invitational tennis tournament.

Smith was also nominated for the Theodore D. Ryall award for mental attitude in the Class B basketball tournament and, although he did not win, he was accorded recognition by Bill Ryall, who donated the trophy in memory of his deceased son.

Randy is the third athlete from Berlin American High School to have received the award. Cleo Johnson received the award in 1969, and Harry Smith in 1971.

He has been offered a scholarship to the University of Puget Sound.