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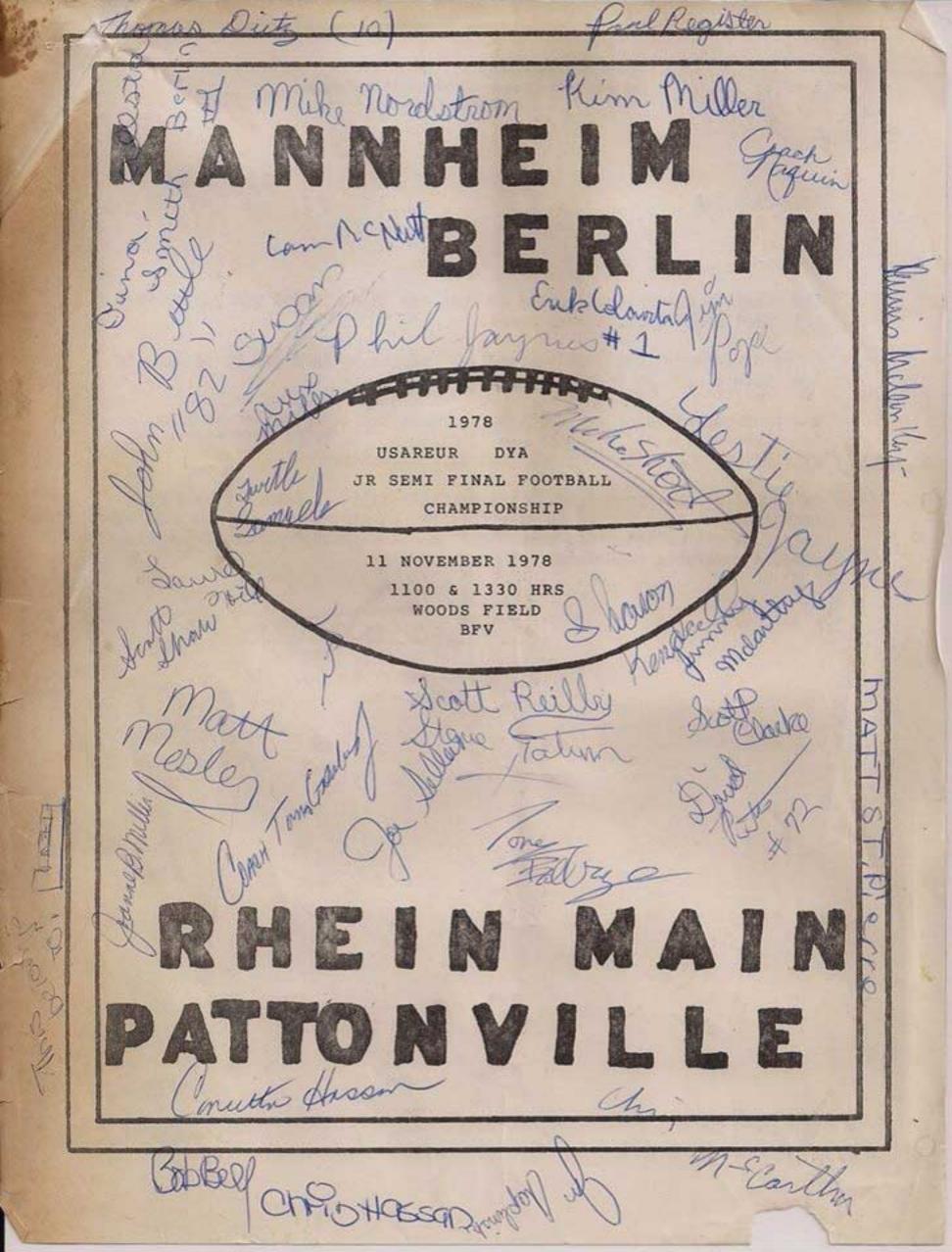
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Berlin All-Stars win: Go to 'A'

by Mike Bucci

The Berlin Junior League All-Stars defeated the Mannheim Junior Chiefs, \$-0, in the first game of the Division "A" Semi-Final Championships played this past weekend at Mannheim's Woods Field. With the hard-earned wip, Berlin advanced to the Championship finals to be played in Stuttgart this weekend.

Berlin took on a superb Mannheim team that had scored 380 points and allowed only 26 points in eight previous games. In addition to playing together all season, the Chiefs had never been beaten at home. Against all these odds. Berlin took the game to Mannheim on its own terms to victory behind a superhuman team effort.

The first half was about as even as possible with Mannheim grinding out four first downs to Berlin's three. During the scoreless impasse, Berlin advanced as far as the Chiefs' 27, but Mannheim stiffened and took over on downs. Mannheim got better position with each possession, getting the ball on Berlin's 34 and then on the 28, but each time super team play kept the Chiefs at bay. With seconds remaining in the half, Mannheim took over on downs on the Bears' one-yard line. With time for only one play, Berlin stopped the Chiefs cold for no gain or score.

Just before halftime, Assistant Coach Tom Gruber spotted a weakness in the Chiefs defense and brought it to Head Coach Chuck Has-

san's attention.

At the start of the third quarter, the Bears started to work on that weakness and soon the offensive line began opening some big holes which would subsequently lead to Berlin's score late in the game. Although the Bears maintained possession for almost the entire third quarter, no scoring again resulted, and from the look of the polished play by both defensive squads, it began to appear that if one team made a mistake, it

might mean the ballgame. Late in the game, with about three minutes to play, such a mistake occurred. Phil "The Tank" Jaynes blocked a punt on the Mannheim 34. With the offensive line blowing out the Chiefs' linemen, Bear running backs Phil Jaynes, (the Bears' leading rusher on the day), Scott Reilly and Jon Aspling churned for good yardage. Berlin converted two fourthdown plays during the winning drive which culminated on Aspling's three yard burst through a gaping hole on the left side vacated by linemen Joe "Wolfman" Sellers, Mike Short and center Matt Mosler, for the touchdown with 1:30 left!

QB Tom Dietz then hurled a strike to End John Bittle for the conversion and an 8-0 lead. With little time left, Mannheim came out throwing, but Dietz intercepted! When the Chiefs got the ball again, there was time for a few plays, but to no avail; Berlin had whipped Mannheim, 8-0.

Following the game, Mannheim and the All-Stars shook hands while the Mannheim head coach and Berlin head couch Chuck Hassan happily embraced, each knowing his team had given 200 % and very proud because both teams had played a fantastic game! In the dressing room, Coach Hassan was so full of emotion that his voice broke as he addressed his champions. He lauded the defense.

K Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Jaynes for their efforts in getting a bus so that parents and supporters could see their sons' proudest moments. Thanks also go to the cheerleaders, Laurel Hill, Sharon Kendall, Tina Smith, Liese Hutchison, Chris Hassan, Kim Miller and Susan Heraohty, coached by Louise Naquin. And real big thanks go to Head Coach Chuck Hassan and assistants Bob Cummins, "Fab" Prater, Tom Gruber and Bob Bell. In a short time, their hard work and dedication has resulted in making Berlin only one game from being USAREUR

Division "A" Champions in a matter of only 10 days practice. But as Coach Hassan emphasized, "The kids deserve the credit; they had the desire to win and they, not we, played ball. The kids were beautiful." Next week. Berlin takes on Pattonville for the USAREUR crown in Stuttgart!

Meanwhile, back in Berlin, the Bantam League played its final games. In game one, Alabama trimmed Texas, 12-6. Bobby Cummins scored the Texas tally on a 50-yard end around play. Bob Sprankle paced the Alabama offense scoring one touchdown on a 20-yard run and passing 30 yards to Kevin Holder for the other. In game two, Oklahoma became the Bantam League champions with a 14-0 trouncing of Nebraska. All-Star QB Todd Gorman scored both Sooner touchdowns and passed for the lone conversion to Shawn Phillips. Bobby Gates intercepted a pass and Dave Williams recovered two fumbles for Oklahoma. Nebraska's David Newman and Matt Andrews each intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble. All-Stars were announced Sat. League Commissioner Bob Andrews announced the official All-Stars for each team:





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20 December 1978

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO:

Parents of Leslie and Phillip Jaynes

1. At my recent attendance at the Commanders Course in Heidelberg, I was sought out by the Cdr, 3rd Bn, 68th Armor, 8th ID, a LTC William A. Scherr, who had been a linesman at the playoff game in Mannheim.

- 2. LTC Scherr praised the exemplary sportsmanship of the players and coaches throughout the game. Pointing out that there were several controversial calls, LTC Scherr stated that, despite questionable officiating, our Berlin team refused to get involved in the rancor of it. His respect for the excellent coaching philosophy which produced the maturity of sportsmanship in these young men was apparent in his remarks.
- 3. I am very proud to relay his words of commendation and appreciate your influence in making the season a successful one for participants as well as spectators.

W.A. HOLBROOK

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Deputy Brigade Commander