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1 NARR: The Thomas A. Roberts High School of Berlin defeated the
2 quintet from Bremerhaven, to cop the EUCOM Small Schools
3 basketball title Friday. The afternoon game was played
4 at the Columbia Gymnasium at Tempelhof. TAR (SPELL OUT)
5 although it lost three non-conference games during the
6 season, came through five conference games undefeated.
7 The Champs' next game will be against Wiesbaden,
8 followed by a non-title tilt against Heidelberg. However,
9 as the local team has won the crown, these games are just
10 so much exercise. (PAUSE) In the Small Schools play,
11 the team from TAR has had to play Bremerhaven, Wiesbaden,
12 and Linz. Coach Al Kyrios, the local mentor, claims
13 that the Linz lads gave him the most trouble this year.
14 Why? Well, according to the coach, Linz has a fast and
15 well-coordinated team that can shift its tactics at a moment's
16 notice. (PAUSE) As a matter of fact, it was this
17 exact same thing that saved the title for the TAR boys
18 this week. Bremerhaven was behind, 6 to 2, at the end
19 of the first quarter. But then, something happened.
20 The Berlin Cubs just couldn't get rolling. The score
21 changed...slowly at first -- then, before the rooters
22 could get their collective breath, the ending horn had

1 NARR: (CONT'D) sounded, and the half-time score read: Berlin, 12...
2 the Port City team, 16! Coach Kyrios gave the boys some
3 fast and furious words during the rest period...he must
4 have. For the third and fourth periods saw Captain Jim
5 Bender of the local crew going wild -- literally -- as he
6 poured in tip-ins and one-handed hook shots. Plying under
7 the basket, he repeatedly beat the other team to rebounds,
8 and, with a sure eye, kept the official scorers busy on
9 the sidelines, tallying the result of his afternoon's work.
10 (PAUSE) The final result...48 to 26, with Jim Bender the
11 high scorer with 33 of Berlin's points to his credit.
12 (PAUSE) But that's only the championship game. Sure, it's
13 important...but only as important as the other conference games
14 during the season. What about Linz, for instance? That was
15 a tough one. Linz was out in front by six points at half-time.
16 Bob Partain of the Berlin squad was trying...hard. And in
17 this important game, he proved to all the fans of the
18 court game that he had the stuff. He poured in 17 points,
19 while Jim Bender, a consistently high scorer, personally
20 accounted for another 24. The final read: Berlin, 56...
21 Linz, 41. (PAUSE) The credit for winning the championship
22 goes to the boys on the team, according to Coach Al Kyrios.
23 They've shown their local fans and their opponents that
24 they've absorbed all that his instructions have given them.

1 NARR: (CONT'D) They have to play as a team...and that's just
2 what they've done. Every man has an important job. Captain
3 Jim Bender is perhaps the cog of the team, but the support
4 of his teammates is all-important. There's Bill Garnett and
5 Bill Shepard, the guards, along with Tex Miller; Bob Partain
6 and Zig Shreyer hold up the other positions, while Ray
7 Fairbanks, Phil Shepard, and Payton Ellis round out the
8 squad. The managerial positions are capably handled by
9 Jim Scott and Wayne Kirsch. They're all important men of a
10 championship team. (PAUSE) Incidentally, TARIAN Dennis
11 Dix is due to return from the states tomorrow, and will
12 probably see some action in the last two games of the
13 season. (PAUSE) In a Junior High School game played
14 Friday afternoon, preceding the championship battle, the
15 local team met with defeat at the hands of their rival
16 from BPE, 32 to 15. It was a moral victory, though, for
17 it gave local fans a chance to see the terrific
18 ball-handling of young Jimmy Durbin. Young Durbin is
19 captain of his Junior High squad, even though he's just
20 in the seventh grade. By repeatedly making use of feints
21 and tricky dribbling, he evaded many would-be blockers
22 and interceptors. Along with Louie West, a sixth-grade
23 hopeful at TAR, it looks like Coach Kyrios has a man
24 lined up to step into Jim Bender's shoes when the present

1 - NARR: (CONT'D) high-scorer has graduated. (PAUSE) Even though
2 it has one of the smallest enrollments in the Command,
3 TAR High School has now twice shown that its teams are
4 tops. The school ran away with the EUCOM six-man tackle
5 football crown last fall, after defeating Bremerhaven,
6 Wiesbaden, Linz and Nurnberg...in that order. Once again,
7 Jim Bender proved his prowess in sports. His ten touchdowns
8 were one of the contributing factors to his team's
9 success. Again, Coach Kyrios places Linz at the top
10 of his list of "teams to beat". The well-organized team
11 from Austria slipped under a narrow one-touchdown margin,
12 as Berlin squeezed ahead at the final gun, 14 to 7. As
13 for the future, Coach Kyrios hasn't too much to say....
14 but you can bet that the lads from TAR will be in there
15 trying.

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