AYA Junior All-Stars, Girls basketball teams win, reach finals

by John Gregg

The Junior Division AYA All-Star Basketball team won both games of the first round of the USAREUR Championships at Robinson Barracks near Stuttgart last Saturday.

Berlin slaughtered Bremerhaven in the first game, 62-11. Bill Curry led the well-balanced scoring with 15 points. Nine of the ten players scored in the lopside victory.

The second game was with the much taller Kaiserslautern (Rheinland Pfalz) team, a contest touted as a real fight to the finish. But the Berliners once again proved their superiority by walking away with a 36-20 victory. Wardell Turner connected on several long range shots and led the scoring with 15 points.

Neither of these opponents could effectively break the devasting press put on by the Junior All-Stars. By winning both games, the boys earned a trip to Kaiserslautern where they will play Fulda tomorrow at 1 p.m. for the USAREUR Championship.

Senior All-Stars lose

Meanwhile, the Senior Division All-Stars Basketball team lost a close game to Rheinland Pfalz, 46-41. The leading scorers for Berlin were Tony Gasque with 15 points and Ray Edwards with 10. Berlin's full-court and half court press were so effective that Rheinland Pfalz had to use three time outs in the first period. By the beginning of the third period, they had used all five of their time outs.

At one time, the Berlin team led by as much as 7 points, 19-12, in the first half, and had a 21-1 lead at the end of the first half. Berlin led by 3 points most of the second half when a questionable technical foul on Tony Gasque plus two free throws by Rheinland Pfalz turned the game around.

Rheinland Pfalz beat Bamberg by 7 points in the semi-final game to qualify as the representative at K-town.

Girls team wins two

The Girls AYA Basketball team, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Bland, won both of its games last weekend to advance into the finals at Kaiserslautern tomorrow.

In the first game, Berlin's girls beat Nordbayern 18-4 with Judy Sinnard leading the scoring with 8 points. The second game was closer with Berlin again coming out on top, 19-15. Gayle Garrison led the scoring with 8 points.

Tomorrow the Girls team will play against Frankfurt at Kaiserslautern at 3 p.m. The Girls team record now stands at 16-2.