



FC Rottenburg U15
vs.
North Carolina Fusion U15/16



1:2



- **Wednesday, den 12.04.2017**
- **Hohenberg stadium Rottenburg**

US delegation on tour in Swabia

On Wednesday evening, under the direction of Rottenburger referee Frank Kiefer, an extraordinary friendshank in the Hohenberg stadium Rottenburg between the U15 of the FC Rottenburg and a U15 / 16 selection team from the USA, the North Carolina fusion, one of three bases of the state in the east of the USA USA within the football program of the American Football Association USSF. There they play in the South-East division and occupy the 9th place at the time

The American Academy kickers defeated the C1 juniors of the FCR in a tight game with a 2: 1, after they headed 1-0. The Pascal Segar from Rottenburg were able to equalize 1: 1 after the break after Nico Ourganztidis had finished. The Fusion's then scored just before the end but then the 2-1 victory in a balanced and high-class test. In the days before the kickers of the North Carolina fusion beat the VfB Stuttgart 3-1 and the VfL Pfullingen smoothly with 8: 1 goals.

Afterwards, the day ended in the FC restaurant, where the closed North Carolina Fusion served dinner and ended the day. It was also an extraordinary meeting for our guys and should be remembered for a long time. Interacting was the conversation with the father of a kicker of the fusion that once played in the ice hockey league in Germany in Munich and Augsburg, as well as it was also for the FCR, the club manager Martin Haug and the two from the PR team, Markus Riel and Ralph Kunze, had been a special day, because they only spoke English. An experience you would like to repeat.

During their ten-day tour of Germany, the US boys will play a total of four test games and visit the one or other attraction in southern Germany, such as the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Stuttgart or the Lichtenstein Palace. A guided tour through the Allianz Arena in Munich will be held until Sunday.

The fusion's with an excellent technical education

Team NC Fusion is a selection team from the state of North Carolina, which is located between our DFB bases and the Ruit selection base. This is where players from a certain region from North Carolina are pulled together, who then play as a team in the development league.

The tour group, organized by Activity Tours Europe, consists of 34 people: 15 players, 6 siblings and 13 adults (coaches, supervisors and parents). During their stay, they lived in the youth hostel in Tübingen. In addition to the friendships they also visited the 2. league game Heidenheim - Bochum, the Liechtenstein castle and the castles in Neuschwanstein as well as the Allianz Arena in Munich. The team is a mixed selection of U16 and U15 players, who had played against a U-selection of VfB Stuttgart and won 3-1 on the evening before. Thus, our 1:2 defeat is to be regarded as a "small" success. It is also another sporting experience for our guys once to have played against a team from another continent.

From a sporting point of view, we were very well taken out of the affair, we were able to play well and a great difference in performance was not visible at all. In the US boys, however, there was always an excellent technical training, which was particularly noticeable in tempodribblings. The fact that the US team was older in the year one year (2001/2002) was (2002/2003), they were physically superior to us, which we could compensate by running and willingness to take on the whole. Furthermore, the game was an excellent training unit under competitive conditions for our Cup semi-final next week against the SSV Reutlingen.

Where do the guys of the NC Fusion kick?

The US Soccer Development Academy program provides education, resources and support to influence everyday club environments and develop world class players.

What is the program of the development academy? After a comprehensive review of elite player development in the US and around the world, U.S. Soccer founded the Development

Academy in 2007. The philosophy of the Academy program is based on increased education, less overall playing and more meaningful playing with international competition rules. The Academy has a total of 150 clubs, consisting of teams of five age groups: U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15/16 and U-17/18. The Academy is currently expanding its programming to include a Girls Development Academy, which will begin in autumn 2017.

The Academy program focuses on the positive impact on everyday club environments to help maximize the development of the youth player across the country. The Academy appreciates the individual development of elite players through winning trophies and titles. The academy sets the standard for elite environments for youth football clubs nationwide and is part of the world's leading position in youth football, which will affect thousands of players.