

Newsletter 01/25

DREAMS in South Africa

At the last Green Kick event, we were introduced—through José Cabral (Stellenbosch FC / Open Play Foundation)—to the project team of SanLucar Fruits. They visited our initiatives in Stellenbosch and had us explain our approach. After the turn of the year, we were invited to join the planning process for SanLucar. In collaboration with the VfB Foundation Brustering der Herzen, they had raised €17,500 through a matchday campaign to renovate a school sports ground. The concrete pitch at Roodezandt Secondary School near Porterville (close to Paarl) was renovated, the surrounding area upgraded, and a fence installed. An initial blue coating was also applied to make the field markings more visible. Heavy rainfall shortly before the planned opening on April 12 led to some necessary follow-up work. Thanks to the strong partnership, the pitch was ready in time, and on April 10 and 11, the first sports sessions were already held—with the support of our ambassador David Kannemeyer. Our GUFC Cape coordinator George Dearnaley also attended the opening day. VfB even brought along Cacao, another GUFC ambassador, who was deeply moved by the project and especially by the way the students welcomed the visitors.



Project Facts

- Duration: 10 weeks
- Cost: approx. €26,000
- Facility: Multi-sport court for futsal, netball, basketball, and hockey
- Usage: For 2,000 students and the surrounding community
- Additional upgrades: Renovation of sports infrastructure on Rooihooft Farm
- Capacity building: Training of 20+ teachers and students as grassroots coaches
- Partnership: Collaboration with SanLucar as nutrition partner for our Magic Ladies FC
- Sustainability: Planting of 10 fruit trees for the school garden



Ice Snow Championship Arosa

At the 13th edition of the tournament, Global United FC secured 3rd place. The winner was Switzerland, led by the outstanding Blerim Dzemaili. Our team was captained by GUFC-Arosa record player Mladen Petric alongside Lucio. Coaching duties were taken on by Toni Polster, who now joins the ranks of Trapattoni, Rehhagel, and Peter Schmeichel. Legends from GUFC, Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands also took part in the media and sponsor tournament.



Art Raises Funds for GUFC

Through the initiative of our Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Fredi Bobic, we've been given the opportunity to raise donations through an art project. Königsberg Capital has commissioned an artist to create a limited edition of 100 artworks, each exploring the theme of money – with a wink

and a playful twist. Each piece is available for €1,000, and we're excited about the proceeds from this gallery charity initiative. A heartfelt thank-you to Fredi – and especially to Stefan Daudert – for their wonderful support!



Enviro Awards Ceremony as Part of the GSL Maseru

As part of the GUFC Football Girls School League Maseru in Lesotho, participating schools were also encouraged to engage in environmental activities. The results were outstanding and made a strong impression on the public – and on Queen Masenate Mohato Seeiso, who had taken over the patronage of the league. Following the start of the new school term, the winners of the environmental competition were presented with their prizes. Printers and copiers, including the necessary supplies, were warmly received and gratefully accepted by the schools.

Annual General Meeting in Bad Hindelang

Thanks to the connection made by Matthias Maisch – who has been actively promoting Global United FC in the Allgäu region and also led the charity curling team in Oberstdorf together with Kristian Baumgärtner, Nici Billa (Austrian national team and 1. FC Köln), and Joshua Gröner (FootGolf national player) – our AGM took place in Bad Hindelang at Hotel Die Gams.

There, we reviewed project priorities and reports from the past year, and discussed the future strategic direction. A key focus moving forward will be expanding our fundraising efforts, including handing over the continued development of our website. The day before the AGM was used for several meetings, including with TV Bad Hindelang and Thomas Fersch from Autohaus Fersch, where we discussed concrete ideas for future collaborations. The Allgäuer Zeitung also took the opportunity to speak with Fredi – not only about GUFC, but also about his current projects.

The next Annual General Meeting, which will include elections, is scheduled to take place in Berlin in 2026.



Tag für Vollan

Karrieretipp für den Fußball-Profi w
er erstmals konkreter über die eigene



der Fußball-Bundesliga einiges erlebt. Im Rahmen seiner Tätigkeit für
3-Jährige nun nach Bad Hindelang. Foto: Ralf Lienert

Stuttgart diesen Pokal sicher hat. Das meine ich nicht despektierlich gegenüber Arminia Bielefeld, aber beim Finale in Berlin gibt es für den Außenseiter keinen Heimvorteil mehr. Auf der anderen Seite hat der VfB mit dem Finaleinzug die Saison gerettet, weil sie es in der Liga nicht mehr in die Champions-League-Plätze schaffen werden. Bei der Eintracht sehe ich ein hartes Rennen im Kampf um Platz drei in der Liga – aber sie werden die Europa League gewinnen. Der VfB...

ling haben. Ich halte ihn für einen Spieler mit herausragender individueller Qualität, der ein unheimlich guter Gegenspieler ist und ein großes Kämpferherz mitbringt. Das hat mir vor zwölf Jahren schon gefallen.

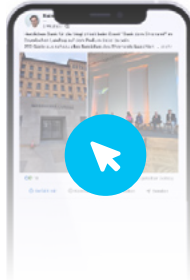
Mit Paul Wanner gibt es eine heiße Aktie aus dem Allgäu im deutschen Profifußball. Trauen Sie sich ihm den Durchbruch zu?

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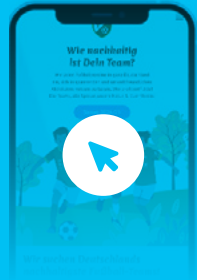
Atsikani Walani College

The garden at Atsikani Walani College is thriving. GUFC is supporting the development of the vegetable and herb garden at this women's college...



Bavarian State Parliament

GUFC on stage at the Bavarian State Parliament. Our GUFC member Bernhard Heinisch, MdL, brought us on stage during a recent volunteer appreciation event to present our...



Waldkicker League

The Waldkicker League final is just around the corner. GUFC is a proud partner of the Waldkicker initiative, where 50 teams from age groups U7 to U10 compete...

Playtime Hub in Namibia

We are currently raising funds for the Playtime Hub in Walvis Bay, Namibia. The Hub hosts the GUFC Girls School League, featuring over 25 girls' school teams from four age groups in the coastal city. Additional sports activities are also driving high demand, making an infrastructure upgrade absolutely essential. In the spirit of sustainability and upcycling, we plan to repurpose used shipping containers to create new changing rooms, toilets/washrooms, and workshop spaces as extensions to the existing Hub. Afterward, the current facilities—now too limited—such as the toilet, office, and storage areas, will be renovated.

The total budget is estimated at €32,000, although we're still awaiting final transport cost estimates for shipping the containers from Cape Town (either by sea or truck). We're also running a campaign via the Swiss crowdfunding platform there-for-you, hoping to raise part of the funds from our friends in Switzerland:

<https://www.there-for-you.com/donations/nachhaltiger-ausbau-des-playtime-namibia-hub/>



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