

Class Outclassed by Staff

Thrilling football match at Landfermann

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Duisburg – On 24 May, only few days after their final oral exams, Landfermann's Class of 2006 suffered a demoralizing 4:7 defeat in this year's football match against their teachers.

The Landfermann Arena was overcrowded with about a thousand frenetic spectators, most of whom supported the staff team, whose fantastic goalie Norbert "Nobby" Marxen excelled with a number of outstanding and highly spectacular parades.

The teams played two exciting halves of awesome football with skilful players on both sides, but the man of the day was clearly Matthias "Reubinho" Reuber, who alone scored three of the teachers' seven goals.

In the first half the game was rather balanced with only a slight advantage for the seniors, in the second half the staff team could counter the students' fervent onslaught with greater maturity and experience. Despite some minor fouls – mainly committed by over-reacting teachers – it was an altogether fair fight.



The losers

History

In the 25-year history of this traditional football match both sides have scored remarkable results. In the 1980's the winner was mostly the staff team, in the 1990's the

students were gradually winning the upper hand due to rather overaged staff teams and despite such famed veterans such as Peter Neuse and Werner Maxwitat – those were the days! In recent years final scores have been varying between easy wins and thrashing defeats for the teachers. Last year's match ended with a disastrous 0:11 Waterloo for the teachers.

Well Prepared

Landfermann principal, Mr Ulrich Tholuck, was more than pleased to see that his staff team could overpower the youthful energy of the gifted student players. Says Tholuck, "With a staff team as motivated and devoted as ours, we'll be able to drive our students to top form – athletically as well as academically! This goes to show that our school is well prepared for the next 'Leistungsstandserhebungen', PISA-studies and 'Zentralabitur' in 2007. Mens sana in corpore sano!"



The winners

Rumours

Rumour has it that there are negotiations about Master Reuber being transferred to FC Chengdu (China) in the coming season. According to another rumour, there was a Klinsmann scout watching the game to select further talents for Germany's World Cup Team. Players on both sides are now anxiously waiting for a short-term invitation to join the national team's training camp on Sardinia.