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Greetings from Mayor Dieter Krone to the Lingen FriendsCup



Dear players, dear
Trainers, dear guests,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the first
Lingen FriendsCup. This weekend will focus on sports,
friendship, and international encounters. I especially welcome
our guests from our twin towns.

I am very pleased that you are all enriching our
anniversary year with this great tournament.

Football is much more than just a game. It is a universal language that
connects us across cultural and linguistic boundaries, and that is
the true goal of this tournament.

I would like to thank everyone for their commitment and fairness on and off the pitch
No matter how the tournament ends, each of you is already a winner because you are part of
a great exchange and a strong community.

I wish everyone much success and lots of fun. My thanks go to the organizers at SV Olympia
Laxten for organizing this first Lingen FriendsCup.

Kind regards



Dieter Krone

Mayor

Greetings from the board of SV Olympia Laxten 1919 eV,



Dear guests,
dear sports friends,

Welcome to the Lingen Friendscup 2025 in our stadium in Laxten! It is a

great joy and honor, on the occasion of the 1050th anniversary of the city of Lingen (Ems)

To host this special international U15 football tournament.

With teams from our partner cities in England, France, Ukraine and Germany, with our own U15 team and the specially founded Lingen city selection, we not only bring young talents together on the pitch - above all, we live European friendship, sporting respect and intercultural exchange here.

Football is much more than a game. It connects people – regardless of language, origin, or culture. This is precisely what we want to make visible and tangible with the Lingen Friends Cup. The young people, their coaches and families, the volunteers, and of course all the spectators are part of a project that goes far beyond a tournament.

Our special thanks go to the city of Lingen (Ems) for the close and trusting cooperation, to the guest clubs from Germany and abroad for their participation, to the many volunteers for their tireless efforts and, last but not least, to the construction company Hofschröder GmbH & Co. KG, which, as main sponsor, made this tournament possible in the first place.

We wish all teams fair, exciting and injury-free games, great encounters on and off the pitch and unforgettable days in our home town of Lingen (Ems).

We look forward to working with you to send a strong message for youth football, hospitality and peaceful coexistence in Europe.

With sporting greetings

Sven Becker /Vice President

Representative of the Executive Board of SV Olympia Laxten 1919 eV



The Executive Board of SV Olympia Laxten 1919 eV

From left: Sven Becker, Reinhard Gerdes, Marco Hilbers, Jürgen Rohoff,
Christian Lühn, Pia Manske, Carsten Hilbers and Ralf Merswolke

Greetings from Manfred Schonhoff, Mayor of the Laxten district

Dear sports enthusiasts,

This year, the city of Lingen celebrates its 1050th anniversary. This special anniversary will be duly celebrated in our city. Many extraordinary events and activities will accompany us throughout the year.



The highlight of the city's anniversary will take place from June 19 to 22, 2025. The districts and many clubs in the city of Lingen are participating to enrich this celebration with individual programs.

SV Olympia Laxten is hosting an international youth soccer tournament (U15) this weekend. In addition to soccer teams from our European partner cities, a selection team from Lingen's sports clubs and the Laxten Ems Rookies will participate in this sporting competition. Sport, in particular, is an essential part of our culture. International encounters, in particular, make an important contribution to international understanding. In today's world, when war is being waged in Europe, the Middle East, and several other countries, international understanding is invaluable.

As mayor of Laxten, I greet all local footballers and especially the foreign and international football teams and their athletes and extend a warm welcome to them.

May exciting and passionate football matches take place on the Laxten sports grounds during the festival weekend, so that on Sunday, June 22, 2025, the most successful team can be honored on the big stage of Lingen's market square.

I wish our guests a safe journey, a pleasant stay, fair games and an unforgettably exciting time in Lingen.

May the tournament lead to further contacts and friendships. The preparation and execution of a tournament of this magnitude involve a considerable amount of work and time. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the numerous volunteers of the club for their voluntary commitment.

With sporting greetings

Manfred Schonhoff

- Mayor of Laxten –



Laxtener Mitte

Greetings from Kim Smith, Deputy Mayor of the English town of Burton upon Trent

Dear sports friends,

We are very pleased that our team from
Winhill FC this weekend the inter-
participates in national understanding.

We wish all teams from all over
participating countries a great weekend and look forward
to hearing and seeing the stories and photos from our twin
town Lingen.

The people of Burton upon Trent in the United Kingdom
are very proud to be part of this event and hope that many
more will follow.

All the best to you

Kim Smith

Deputy Mayor



Translated from the original English by an AI



Burton upon Trent from above



Burton upon Trent Market Square



Greetings from Djoudé Merabet Mayor of the French city of Elbeuf

Dear sports friends,

Lingen has been twinned with the city of Elbeuf for over 20 years now, and these years have allowed us to get to know each other, reconnect, and, above all, share moments that unite our people, young and old. Therefore, I would like to sincerely thank Olympia Laxten for this symbolic and sporting invitation on the occasion of the 1050th anniversary of the city of Lingen.



Thanks to this anniversary tournament, our young footballers will be in the spotlight and will represent our Elbeuvian colours on the international

They will compete against young people from other European countries, with different cultures and languages, and will continually unite through the values of solidarity and respect that sport offers us. I am proud that our young people from the Elbeuf Football School will be able to have such enriching experiences with our German friends.

These moments are always a real pleasure and create unforgettable memories in the minds of the participants, and I know that beautiful friendships will develop beyond our respective borders.

I wish you all an excellent competition and our partner community a happy anniversary. May the best win!

Kind regards

Djoudé Merabet

mayor

Translated from the French original by an AI



Elbeuf from above



Square Saint-Jean with the Catholic Church Eglise St. Jean

Greetings from Andre´ Heinrich, Mayor of the City of Marienberg



Dear football fans, dear participants of the "Lingen Friends Cup 2025",

With great joy and enthusiasm, I address the Great Circle

The town of Marienberg extends its warmest greetings to all participants, organizers, and guests of this year's "Lingen Friends Cup." This international soccer tournament is not only a sporting highlight, but also a wonderful example of the vibrant partnership between Lingen (Ems) and Marienberg.

The participation of our youth team of VfB Zöblitz e. V. in this

This tournament is a special event for us. It offers our young athletes the opportunity to compete in fair and friendly competition, make new friends, and gain valuable experience. Sport connects people and cultures, and the "Lingen Friends Cup" is an excellent example of how sport and camaraderie can go hand in hand.

Our twin town relationship with Lingen (Ems) is characterized by mutual respect, trust, and a deep sense of solidarity. For many years, we have maintained a lively exchange in the areas of culture, sports, and youth.

This tournament offers us another opportunity to strengthen this valuable partnership and further develop the friendship between our cities to expand.

I would like to thank all the organizers and volunteers who, with their dedication and passion, made this fantastic tournament possible. Your commitment and passion will make the "Lingen Friends Cup 2025" an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

I wish the participating teams exciting and fair games, much success, and above all, lots of fun. May the "Lingen Friends Cup 2025" be a celebration of sport and friendship that will be remembered for a long time to come.

With sporting greetings

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'André 45'.

André Heinrich

Mayor of the large district town of Marienberg



Marienberg from above

Greetings from Roman Kaznovezkyi, Mayor of the Ukrainian city of Lanivtsi

Dear friends!

I welcome all participants and
guests of this sporting event!
Today we are not only one
a football tournament
come, but strengthen
again the friendly
relations between our communities,
which have existed for over thirty years.



Lanivtsi is proud of its cooperation with Lingen, which has become an example of mutual support, understanding, and shared pursuit of development. It is especially important that our youth have the opportunity to get to know each other, communicate, and form friendships that will form the basis for an even stronger partnership.

between our cities.

Today, the teams from all of Lingen's twin towns will compete against each other on the pitch – a great opportunity not only to demonstrate sporting skills, but also to unite once again around common values: fair play, mutual respect and team spirit.

I wish every participant much success, inspiration, and unforgettable moments on the field!
May the strongest win, and may the friendship between our communities grow stronger with each passing year!

Good luck and an exciting game!

Kind regards

Roman Kaznovetskyi

mayor

Lanivtsi (UA): Twin town between hope and fear

The Ukrainian twin town of Lanivtsi is located approximately 1,600 kilometers from Lingen. Initial contacts were made by former forced laborers from Ukraine who worked in the railway repair shop during World War II. They visited Lingen in 1991. A Red Cross delegation visited Lanivtsi and the now incorporated village of Juskivsi in 1992. At that time, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the small town appeared poor and run-down.



The development since then is certainly impressive

The people in Lanivtsi have from their city with a lot of commitment

The town has developed into a place which today, with its church situated on a lake, the town park, small restaurants and cafés, a hotel and many small shops,

and a wide, scenically attractive surrounding area is worth a visit.

The "Friends of Ukraine Drivers" group, active in Lingen for 30 years, has also provided significant support for this development. Over the past three decades, it has regularly brought medical and charitable aid to Lanivtsi.

With the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the number of these transports has increased significantly. The Lingen City Council decided to establish an official twin town agreement with Lanivtsi. However, the war has made the visits, which have been customary for over 30 years, very difficult. A bus ride there takes between 24 and 30 hours, depending on the waiting time at the Polish-Ukrainian border. Nevertheless, the visit is worthwhile, especially now. While the media reports daily on the political and military dimensions of the war, one thing remains unmentioned:

What is the war doing to the people of Lanivtsi, some 800 kilometers from the front lines and yet still affected? Two visits to Lanivtsi in April and November 2024 provided some answers.

At first glance, life is normal. People go to work, shopping or visit evening a restaurant. School operations appears to be taking its usual course. But first glances are deceptive. In a central square, large posters commemorate each of the men from Lingen's twin town who were killed in the war. Their number has now risen to over 70.



Furthermore, numerous of the town's sons are missing. When visiting schools, the children and young people don't like to talk about their fears. But many of them are worried about their fathers or older brothers, who are currently fighting at the front. The war also affects the everyday lives of the young people.

In case of nationwide air raid warnings, they have to leave their classrooms and visit the basements of the school buildings. There are classes in which the older students, dressed in Ukrainian army combat fatigues, learn first aid under combat conditions. They perform plays in which the boys in combat fatigues carry wooden rifles, while girls, dressed in traditional costumes, sing patriotic songs. What is unthinkable in schools in Lingen and would trigger an outcry of outrage is everyday life in Lanivtsi.

During power outages lasting several hours, some announced, some unannounced, not only do the lights go out. Smartphone batteries also fail to charge, and Wi-Fi networks stop working. What would be tantamount to a catastrophe for some young people in Lingen is an almost daily reality for their peers in Lanivtsi. Important facilities, such as the hospital and stores selling perishable food, have generators that enable emergency operation.

However, this applies to hardly any apartment or private household in the city. The situation is even worse in the surrounding villages.

As of March 2025, Lanivtsi has still been spared from air raids.

But rockets flying high in the sky above Lingen's twin town, whose targets lie further west in Ukraine, constantly remind people of the latent danger they live in.

In November 2024, many in Lanivtsi placed great hope in the newly elected US President Trump. It was a hope that he bitterly disappointed shortly after taking office. Yet, the people are not resigned, but rather continue to look ahead. There are various social and infrastructure projects in Lanivtsi that are being advanced with help from Lingen. These include, for example, the further equipment of the hospital and the Red Cross social center, or the renovation of the school in Juskivsi. Incidentally, for several years now, food in the school's cafeteria has been cooked on stoves and in pots that once belonged to the military kitchen of the Scharnhorst Barracks in Lingen.



In August 2024, young people from two volleyball teams from Lanivtsi visited Lingen for the first time. They not only made sporting contacts with their peers from MTV Lingen, but also met with the Children's and Youth Parliament and the Bramsche Youth Fire Department. According to the Ukrainian young people, many of these contacts continue to this day. Translation programs on smartphones easily overcome the language barrier, and social media overcomes the geographical distance. This is the added value of personal encounters. Only then does a partnership truly come to life.

The visit of young soccer players from Lanivtsi to celebrate Lingen's 1,050th city anniversary is an opportunity to establish and maintain further such personal contacts. Hopefully, the young people from both cities will make active use of this opportunity. The turf in Lanivtsi's small stadium is in good condition, by the way. When peace finally returns, teams from Lingen should also see for themselves during a visit to Ukraine. If the MTV volleyball players ever plan a return visit to their new friends from Lanivtsi, they should definitely bring their knee pads, because most school gyms in Lanivtsi and the surrounding area still have concrete floors. But that doesn't deter anyone from visiting a new country and making new friends, does it?

Wilfried Roggendorf

JUBILÄUMSWOCHENENDE 20. – 22. JUNI 2025



Hauptbühne Marktplatz

Freitag, 20. JUNI



Samstag, 21. JUNI



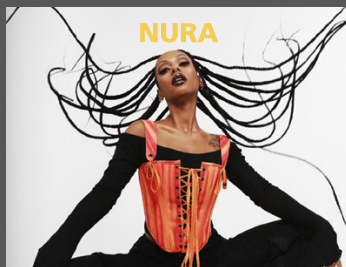
Freuen Sie sich auf ein unvergessliches Jubiläumswochenende mit zwei großartigen Konzertabenden im Herzen der Lingener Innenstadt! Die Hauptbühne steht vor unserem historischen Rathaus auf dem Marktplatz. Die Bühne 50 Jahre Alter Schlachthof finden Sie nebenan auf der Fläche „Am Wall Süd“.

+ Live Übertragung der Konzerte auf dem Alten Pferdemarkt!

Bühne 50 Jahre Alter Schlachthof

Feier mit uns! 2 Tage - 10 Acts
Auf dem Open Air Gelände
„Am Wall Süd“

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**alter
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doar lopt se alle hen!

Sonntag, 22. JUNI

10:00 – 11:00 Uhr:

Ökumenischer Gottesdienst auf dem Marktplatz

11:00 – 18:00 Uhr:

Familiensonntag im gesamten Innenstadtgebiet

- Größte Blaulichtmeile in der Region
- Historische Meile mit den Heimatvereinen & Ortsteilen, Kiveling & Marketenderinnen
- Mit-Mach-Aktionen unterschiedlicher Vereine & Verbände
- Musik- und Showprogramm, Straßenkünstler
- Spiel & Spaß mit Hüpfburgen und einem großen Spielpark

17:00 – 18:30 Uhr:

Festparade – 1050 Jahre Stadt Lingen (Ems)

Freuen Sie sich zum krönenden Abschluss des Festsonntags auf einen beeindruckenden Festumzug durch die Innenstadt! Erleben Sie prachtvolle Wagen, die die Stadtgeschichte zum Leben erwecken, mitreißende Musikdarbietungen und eine beeindruckende Parade zahlreicher Blaulichtfahrzeuge. Ein Highlight, das Sie nicht verpassen sollten!

**1050 Momente:
Familiientag in Lingen!**



Infos zur Anfahrt:

Aufgrund der vielen Highlights an den Veranstaltungstagen und den erwarteten Besucherzahlen wird es im Innenstadtbereich von Lingen zu Verkehrseinschränkungen kommen. Um Ihnen eine stressfreie Anreise zu ermöglichen, steht am Sonntag, den 22. Juni ein externer Park- & Ride-Parkplatz mit praktischen Shuttlebussen zur Verfügung. Zudem wird auch der LiLi-Bus am gesamten Festwochenende fahren.

Adresse: Lautfeuer Gelände | Am Kohlschulenhof 2 | 49808 Lingen (Ems)

Auto parken, Shuttle zur EmslandArena nehmen und den Tag genießen!



Familiensonntag



Historische Meile



Festparade



Helikopterrundflüge



Bimmelbahn



Winners' trophies and awards at the Friends Cup 2025

The following trophies and awards can be won at the Friendscup 2025.

The rankings 1 to 6, as well as the best goalkeeper and player of the tournament will be honored

The **awards ceremony** will take place on **Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 12 p.m.** on the large **stage at Lingen's market square** . The trophies will be presented by Lingen's mayor, Dieter Krone, and representatives of the individual partner cities.



Awards and trophies of the Friendscup 2025

Spielplan Friendscup 2025

Nr.	Beginn	Spiel		Ergebnis
1	10:00	Winshill Football Club (GB)	SV Olympia Laxten (DE)	:
2	10:25	VFB Zöblitz (DE)	Stadtauswahl Lingen (DE)	:
3	10:50	Elbeuf Football School (FR)	Löwen von Laniwzi (UA)	:
4	11:15	VFB Zöblitz (DE)	Winshill Football Club (GB)	:
5	11:40	Löwen von Laniwzi (UA)	SV Olympia Laxten (DE)	:
6	12:05	Stadtauswahl Lingen (DE)	Elbeuf Football School (FR)	:
7	13:30	Winshill Football Club (GB)	Löwen von Laniwzi (UA)	:
8	13:55	Elbeuf Football School (FR)	VFB Zöblitz (DE)	:
9	14:20	SV Olympia Laxten (DE)	Stadtauswahl Lingen (DE)	:
10	14:45	Elbeuf Football School (FR)	Winshill Football Club (GB)	:
11	15:10	Stadtauswahl Lingen (DE)	Löwen von Laniwzi (UA)	:
12	15:35	VFB Zöblitz (DE)	SV Olympia Laxten (DE)	:
13	16:00	Stadtauswahl Lingen (DE)	Winshill Football Club (GB)	:
14	16:25	SV Olympia Laxten (DE)	Elbeuf Football School (FR)	:
15	16:50	Löwen von Laniwzi (UA)	VFB Zöblitz (DE)	:

Abschlusstabelle Friendscup 2025

Platz	Teilnehmer	Tore	Differenz	Punkte
	Winshill Football Club (GB)	:		
	Elbeuf Football School (FR)	:		
	Löwen von Laniwzi (UA)	:		
	VFB Zöblitz (DE)	:		
	SV Olympia Laxten (DE)	:		
	Stadtauswahl Lingen (DE)	:		



Ergebnisse live verfolgen



Winhill FC

Winhill Football Club

(Burton, England)

Burton upon Trent/East Staffordshire is located in western central England, approximately 40 kilometers from Birmingham. East Staffordshire has a population of almost 113,500, of which over 55,000 live in the county town of Burton upon Trent.

The history of Burton upon Trent dates back to the 7th century. Initially, the town's growth was linked to the construction of a monastery. Later, the exceptionally good quality of Burton's water was discovered. The 40 breweries that once existed in Burton took advantage of this. Today, only two breweries remain. Burton has been twinned with the town of Lingen since 1982 and is approximately 780 km away.

Winhill FC was founded in 1998 with two teams and now has 19 teams with over 240 players from the U7 to the senior teams.



The team includes from left to right: Kordian Jobs, Riley Pirrie, Lucas Duffey, Lochlan Leckey, Alfie White, Bradley Sherratt, Lui Fisher, Tom Davis, Cameron Mullen, Frankie Edmonds, Ethan Colley, Thomas Vernon, Charlie Barlow, Jake Watson, Elliott Gould, Gabriel Laird



Elbeuf Football School

(Elbeuf, France)

Kick together, grow together

Founded in the heart of Normandy, the École de Football d'Elbeuf

For many years, we have been providing professional yet friendly football training to young talents aged 6 to 25. Nestled in the Seine-Maritime district, we emphasize technical sensitivity, tactical understanding, and, above all, fair play – on and off the pitch.



The team includes: Yaya Sarr, Rayan Saidi, Amadi Tigompo, Camara Silly, Abraham Aston, Djoubri Adem, Rodriguez Nelson, Jul Aurelien, Bakari Correa, Mendy Habib, Preira Diaden, Gaouaoui Ilan, Lecoq Yaya, Gomis Yanis, Datant Nolan, Faty Sanasy, Ousmane Correa and Mohamed Douag

From U6 to U18, our players undergo age-appropriate training that not only helps them progress in football, but also strengthens team spirit and perseverance.

A special focus is placed on our **Sport Études program**: Students from the sixth grade onwards are given the opportunity to optimally combine academic and athletic careers. Under the guidance of our experienced team of coaches, individual strengths are specifically developed and prospects for attractive competitions are opened up.



Lions of Laniwtsi

(Laniwtsi, Ukraine)

At the general secondary school I-II grade No. 2 in Lanowez

Great attention is paid to the development of sports and physical education.

School teams have repeatedly achieved victories and podium finishes in regional, state, and national competitions in handball, football, futsal, and table tennis.

The following sports are supported at our school:

- Football (boys) • Futsal (girls and boys)
- Handball (girls) • Basketball (girls)

We are especially pleased to welcome this team to the Friendscup 2025 and wish you an unforgettable time in Lingen.



Saderej Andriy, Cherniy Alexander, Yaremchuk Artem, Hudun Vladyslaw, Denysiuk Andriy, Prysiashniuk Taras, Shevchuk Illia, Plavinskyj Arsen, Kotulskyj Denys, Belma Maxym, Wolianiuk Danylo, Sasiadko Roman, Skakun Kostiantyn, Beresiuk Maxym, Martyniuk Vitalij, Naisyk Wladyslaw, Beresiuk Viktoriya, Beresiuk Alexandra, Kiraschuk Veronika, Yaroshchuk Chrystyna, Schwihaar Anhelina, Schafranska Karina, Sokolowska Daryna, Khodanovych Solomiia, Khomiak Apollinariia



VfB Zöblitz

(Marienberg, Germany)

Marienberg is located in the Erzgebirge district in the Free State of Saxony, close to the border with the Czech Republic.

Marienberg was founded in 1521. Today, it has a population of approximately 17,500.

Marienberg has been a twin town of Lingen since 1996 and is approximately 600 km away.



Players: Sophia Reinsch, Tessa Walther, Bruno Kirchner, Maximus Feig, Lennon Münnich, Mika Steingen, Domenic Siegert, Luca Langer, Leo Wohlgemuth, Noa Methuselah, Zakhar Shtaniuk, Ian Münnich, Dylan Patett, Fynn Oertel, Henry Kuschel, Linus Rudolph

Supervisors: Steffen Schubert, Philipp Nitzschner, Rene Kirchner, Peter Maschke, Steffen Walther, Mirko Bilz, Benjamin Siegert, Andrii Shtaniuk

VfB Zöblitz eV is based in a district of Marienberg. This football club was founded in 1921 and currently has 220 members.

The first team currently plays in the Kreisliga Ost and the team participating in Lingen is active in the Erzgebirgsliga Ost.



City selection Lingen (Ems)

(Lingen, Germany)

We are especially pleased that we were able to attract a selection of U15 players from Lingen's city clubs to this international tournament in Laxten. Many thanks to all the clubs for their support, and a big thank you to Frank Lübbers from SuS Darne, who took care of organizing this team.

After a few training sessions, this selection will certainly play a good role at the Friend-scup 2025 and represent the city of Lingen with dignity in the year of its anniversary.



The team includes standing from left: **Co-Trainer Maik Scheffer** (SG Bramsche), **Philipp Reepen** (SG Bramsche), **Louis Zumbeel** (SG BV Clusorth/Voran Brögbern), **Tom Ortmann** (SG SuS Darne/Eintr.Schepsdorf), **Henri Dörner**, **Jesper Temmen** (both SG Bramsche), **Lasse Brinker** (SG ASV Altenlingen/SV Holth.Biene), **Johan Knoop** (SG SuS Darne/Eintr.Schepsdorf), **Gunnar Jaske** (SG Bramsche), **Jonas Tecklenburg** (SC Baccum), **Jan Lübbers** (SG SuS Darne Eintr.Schepsdorf), **Co-Trainer Ann-Christin Rumpke** (Voran Brögbern), **Trainer Frank Lübbers** (SuS Darne)

Kneeling from left: **Ben Wenzel** (SC Baccum), **Nick Tautfest**, **Leo Rumpke** (both SG BC Clusorth/Voran Brögbern), **Louis Wehlage** (SC Baccum), **Piet Determann** (SG BV Clusorth/Voran Brögbern), **Fadi Elsayed** (SG ASV Altenlingen/SV Holth.Biene), **Konstantin Koopmann** (SG SuS Darne/Eintr.Schepsdorf), **Ezzeldin Arfeen**, **Tir** (both SG ASV Altenlingen/SV Holth./Biene), **Matthias Thale** (SC Baccum)



Emsrookies U15 SV Olympia Laxten

(Lingen, Germany)

The promotion of young football talent plays a major role across all clubs in the former Lingen district. Based at SV Olympia Laxten, the club has placed particular emphasis on the respective first teams of the C to A youth teams since 2018.

With the support of a sponsorship team, improved training conditions were created. For the future, the vision team responsible for coordination is committed to pursuing the goal of fair, competitive youth football in Lingen.

The three teams will then begin the 2020/2021 season with the new and expressive name EmsRookies. In US sports, the word "rookie" is used for promising players from college or high school and In the German Football Bundesliga, a "Rookie Award" is also given to younger players.



Lying from left: Jona Farwick, Thees Rammler **Standing from left:** Torben Bruns, Jamie de Lange, Robin Dijksterhuis, Silas Hoff, Damian Acar, Maiar Alissa, Toni Pricker, Gabriel Rjabov, Joschua Landeck, Marcel Hijazi, Danny Schenk **Top from left:** Ole Ernst, Robin Mengerling, Ahmed Khalifa, Jan Degenhardt, Joris Becker, Til Mecklenburg **Missing:** Anjey Matkowski, Ole Tippelt

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EmsRookies:

Between reality and vision

Part 1 – The current state: EmsRookies 2025

Lingen is a place where football lives. And not just in one place. From Kiesberg to Dieksee, from Brögbern to Altenlingen to Darne – almost every district has its own football tradition, its own colors, its own stories. On almost every pitch, people train, play, and cheer with passion. And that's a good thing.

But amidst all these vibrant football islands, a central question arises: **Who will pool the talent? Who will turn many small opportunities into a big opportunity for Lingen's young footballers?**

This is precisely where the **EmsRookies** come in. Founded in 2017 as a cross-club training initiative, they now serve as a **link between the Lingen city clubs** – a common umbrella under which talented players are specifically supported, mentored, and prepared for higher responsibilities.

The focus is on collaboration: **cooperation instead of competition.** Players from different districts, from clubs with long traditions and deep-rooted identities, are supported athletically and strengthened personally in the **U15 to U19** age groups . They wear the SV Olympia Laxten jersey – but they play in the spirit of many clubs, many coaches, and many volunteers.

The **EmsRookies** represent an approach that pays off in the long term: **structured, sustainable, and identity-forming talent development** – with a view beyond the next game.

Because anyone who wants to make the leap to the men's team, and potentially gain a foothold in higher leagues, needs more than talent. They need **good training conditions, clear prospects, and a network that supports them.**

The EmsRookies offer exactly that: a **platform for development**, a structure that challenges and encourages – and a value system that makes football in Lingen more than just a game.

Today, they are proof that it's possible to combine competitive football with a sense of home. With an eye toward the future, and with a sense of responsibility for what makes our city special.



The three EmsRookies teams in the 2024/2025 season

Part 2 – The journey through time: Lingen 2075 – a football city grows together

The year 2075. Lingen is celebrating 1,100 years of city history – and 25 years of "FC Lingen." What was once a vision of a few is now a living reality: **a joint performance club for an entire city.**

Looking back: In the mid-2020s, it became clear that the city had plenty of soccer fields but no clear path to national competitive football. Each club fought for its own cause – with great passion, but also with structural limitations. **The EmsRookies**, founded in 2017, became the initial spark. They introduced the idea to football that **cooperation does not mean loss, but win-win for everyone.**

What began as a joint youth project gradually developed further. From the U15, U17, and U19 teams in Laxten, the idea of a city-wide performance project was born – with an idea that went beyond club colors and league standings: **a shared path for young talent.**

Today, **FC Lingen** 's first team competes in the Regionalliga Nord (Northern Regional League). The youth teams train on the campus of the "**EmsRookies Academy**," named after the training platform that started it all. The players wear jerseys that no longer depict the opposing districts, but instead feature a symbol of community: the city's coat of arms.

Everything is coordinated by a sports management team comprised of former Ems rookies, former city club players, and modern football educators. Collaboration with surrounding clubs continues: Children start in Darne, Altenlingen, or Brögbern – and, if they want and are able, make the leap to the elite level.

What remains is pride in our roots. What has been added is a shared future.

And when a player from Lingen appears in the jersey of a professional club today, some people remember the words from back then:

“It starts with collaboration – and ends with something bigger than all of us.”

René Werner

Important football rules for the U15 / C youth tournament

1. Playing

time: • The playing time is 1 x 20 minutes; a break of 5 minutes is planned between games.

2. Playing

field • The game is played on a large field: The playing field is approximately 90-100 m long and 45-55 m wide. The gate is 7.32 m wide and 2.44 m high.

3. Teams:

• Each team consists of 11 players on the pitch. • Any number of substitutes may be used per team.

It may be substituted in and out.

4. Offside:

• The offside rule applies

5. Fair Play:

• Respect all players, referees, and spectators. • Play fairly and enjoy football!

6. More knowledge:

• Full football expertise is available at:
<https://www.dfb.de/mehr-fussball/fussball-regeln>

Strong team on the whistle –

Our referees at the Lingen Friendscup 2025



A tournament like the Lingen Friendscup not only relies on committed teams, fair players and enthusiastic spectators – but also on those who ensure clear rules and a sporting atmosphere on the pitch: our referees.

We are very pleased that we can count on a competent and highly motivated team of referees for this international youth tournament!

Oskar Heskamp (left) and Jakob **Neubert** (right) are two experienced referees who will officiate the U15 teams' matches with calm, insight, and great sensitivity. Both bring a wealth of experience to the table and are a guarantee for fair and responsible refereeing.

confidently played games.

We are especially proud of our own junior referees. This year we were able to

At SV Olympia Laxten, seven new referees, Ole Götde, Titus Machnik, Finn Anders-Beckmann, Marla Wester, Theo Grüner, Henri Lammers and Emil Zeller, are being trained – a strong sign of commitment and securing the future of volunteer work.

Four of them will be celebrating their first official international appearance at the Lingen Friends Cup and will be on the pitch as linesmen.

For the young referees, this tournament is a great Opportunity to gain initial experience in an international environment – accompanied by experienced colleagues and supported by a fair sporting framework.
men.



We would like to thank all referees for their commitment and

We wish you – and everyone involved – a successful tournament day.

Colorful welcome greeting: Backpacks for all participants



At the start of the Lingen Friendscup 2025 we are setting a special example of

Appreciation: All participating players will receive a high-quality JAKO backpack during the ceremonial opening ceremony on Friday evening – filled with small gifts and mementos of an unforgettable tournament weekend in Lingen.



A total of almost 130 backpacks will be distributed during the get-together with a panel discussion and barbecue.

special: Each team receives its backpack in its own color – every nation and every city visually represents diversity, cohesion and



Identity.

The selection is deliberately colorful: England, France, Ukraine, Marienberg, Laxten and the Lingen city selection are represented by six different colors.



In addition to the official tournament logo, which is clearly printed, each

Backpack a range of useful and

lovingly compiled content:

A lanyard with a personalized player ID, drink vouchers for the weekend and merchandising



Articles from the city of Lingen, which is a piece of home and hospitality to convey friendship.

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Stadtplan/Übersicht der wichtigsten Örtlichkeiten für den Lingerer Friendscup 2025

City map/overview of the most important locations for the Lingerer Friendscup 2025

Plan de la ville / aperçu des principaux sites pour la Friendscup de Lingen 2025

Міська карта/огляд найважливіших місць для Lingerer Friendscup 2025



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