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Three times Timo Boll

He is the big hero at the moment: Timo Boll. The number three of the world is running from one success to the next. Within a few days the world class player is in the centre of public attention. He set his mark for the second time at the German Open in Bayreuth. The spectators were filled with enthusiasm, when the 25 year old player from Goennern beat the Chinese defence artist Hou Yinghao 4:3. (more about this on the following pages)

At the moment Timo Boll is hunted down by the media. First he is appearing live in a regional TV show: "The best Hessians", where he is probably playing against Joerg Roskopf on the 2nd of December. Then he is invited to a big national TV show on the 9th of December where he is playing against another prominent person.

„Wetten das“ – Moderator
Thomas Gottschalk
is a table tennis fan



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41. German Open 2006 in Bayreuth

Impressive Boll Games in Bayreuth

The 25 year-old player from Goennern beat the Chinese defensive artist Hou Yingchao 4:3 in an impressive and dramatic Final at the table tennis Games in the Wagner town Bayreuth. For nearly four sets the German didn't seem to have a useful recipe against the dangerous side-backspin balls from the backhand and the variable forehand loops from the Chinese. After Boll was down 1:3 in sets, he won 13:11 in the next set and enhanced his performance in his typical manner to beat the brilliant Chinese tactician, who is playing for SVS Niederoesterreich. In the Quarterfinals, which 9900 spectators wanted to see, Boll beat another "Butterfly" Petr Korbel (Czech). The round of the last eight were also the last matches for Robert Gardos (Austria) and Trinko Keen (Netherlands). The number 3 seed, former World Champion Werner Schlager, lost surprisingly early in the first round against the Chinese Guo Keli.



The victory of the golden boy Boll was not the only success for the Tamasu "Butterflies" in Bayreuth: Werner Schlager won the title together with his partner Patrick Chila from France against the Singapore players Gao Ning/ Yang Zi after defending several match balls. "You must always believe in having a chance", said Werner Schlager, who was happy about the title. "To win the doubles in a Pro Tour Tournament means a bit and is a nice success, because the opponents are getting better and better and I don't become younger."

Butterfly partners received Bronze four times at the German Open. Schlager's female countryman Liu Jia won 3rd place in the woman singles, Boll (together with Christian Suess) and the Austrian Robert Gardos (together with Chen Weixing) as well as the American Gao Jun (together with Shen Yanfei) were the other medal winners.



13. December - 16. December 2006

Pro Tour: Grand Finals

16. January - 20. January 2007

Pro Tour: Croatian Open

23. January - 27. January 2007

Pro Tour: Slovenian Open



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After his triumph Timo Boll quickly answered a few questions:

Mr. Boll, how do you evaluate your brilliant achievement in the final?

“That was one of the best matches in my career. It was a hard fight against an equally strong opponent. In the end I had the luck and the better hand on my side.”

Did you expect such a difficult match against Hou Yingchao?

“I knew that it could become very difficult. We played three times before against each other and I also lost once. I think the spectators saw a good show - with the better end for me.”

After your early defeat at the World Cup in Paris some media were already talking about a crisis.....

“In Paris I didn’t play optimally but not bad either. I had a difficult draw at the German Open in Bayreuth and only strong opponents right up to the final. In the doubles we could have done better but I am very satisfied with my singles. The results prove very clearly- I am in no crisis.”

Men-Single

Final

Timo Boll - Hou Yingchao CHN 4:3 (-9,13,-10,-7,11,5,7)

Men-Double

Final

Patrick Chila/Werner Schlager FRA/AUT - Gao Ning/Yang Zi SIN 4:3 (-9,12,-9,-9,7,10,10)

Impressions Bayreuth



Timo Boll also triumphant in Warsaw

The winner of the LIEBHERR Polish Open is Timo Boll. Just a week after his triumph in Bayreuth the world number three from Goennern also won the title at the Pro Tour Tournament in Warsaw. Boll won the final against European Champion Vladimir Samsonov from White Russia in six sets 11:3, 11:6, 2:11, 8:11, 11:4 and 11:5 on his last stop before the Grand Final in Hong Kong (14th-17th of December).

The ladies event ended with a big surprise: Li Qian won the single title for Poland, who gained another Gold medal in the doubles with Lucjan Blaszczyk/Wang Zeng Yi. The title in the Ladies doubles went to Sayaka Hirano/Reiko Hiura.

Before that the Frickenhausen player Patrick Baum won the U 21 title.

„A compliment to Timo Boll. Winning a final and playing so fast against Vladi and win the second title in a row is remarkable after two exhausting weeks.“ National Coach Richard Prause praised the quality of the match of his player, who lost two sets in the final against Samsonov but was controlling the match in the end. Boll's triumph in Warsaw is the 12th title of the 25 year old in the Pro Tour. He won this autumn in China, Germany and Poland and got 3rd place in Japan.

Boll was definitely satisfied with his performance: „I played very well and very concentrated during all days, also in the quarter finals against Hou Yangchao and in the semi finals against Werner Schlager. I was very speedy right up to the end.“ The European Champion from 2002 is now chased by the 16 best players with most points at the ITTF Pro Tour from the 14th – 17th of December in Hong Kong, where Boll is defending Champion: „This time it is going to be a lot harder. Last year the best Chinese players were not starting but they are all going to play this year, but I am surely not without a chance.“

ITTF World 's Ranking lists, mens (11/2006)



1	WANG Liqin CHN	16	MA Long CHN
2	MA Lin CHN	17	LIU Guozheng CHN
3	BOLL Timo GER	18	SAIVE Jean-Michel BEL
4	WANG Hao CHN	19	KONG Linghui CHN
5	SAMSONOV Vladimir BLR	20	CRISAN Adrian ROU
6	Chen Qi CHN	21	CHEUNG Yuk HKG
7	OH Sang Eun KOR	22	KORBEL Petr CZE
8	RYU Seung Min KOR	23	SMIRNOV Alexei RUS
9	CHEN Weixing AUT	24	PRIMORAC Zoran CRO
10	CHUAN Chih-Yuan TPE	25	MAZE Michael DEN
11	SCHLAGER Werner AUT	26	BLASZCZYK Lucjan POL
12	HAO Shuai CHN	27	KO Lai Chak HKG
13	KREANGA Kalinikos GRE	28	LEE Jung Woo KOR
14	LI Ching HKG	29	CHIANG Peng-Lung TPE
15	JOO Se Hyuk KOR	30	HOU Yingchao CHN

(Butterfly-players are marked!)

ITTF World 's Ranking lists, women (11/2006)



1	ZHANG Yining CHN	16	FUKUHARA Ai JAP
2	GUO Yan CHN	17	LIU Jia AUT
3	WANG Nan CHN	18	STEFF Mihaela ROU
4	GUO Yue CHN	19	LI nan CHN
5	TIE Yana HKG	20	PARK Mi Young KOR
6	Li Jia Wei SIN	21	HIRANO Sayaka JPN
7	LI Xiaoxia CHN	22	PAVLOVICH Viktoria BLR
8	KIM Kyung Ah KOR	23	ZHANG Rui HKG
9	NIU Jianfeng CHN	24	STRUSE Nicole GER
10	WANG Yue Gu SIN	25	LAU Sui Fei HKG
11	BOROS Tamara HRV	25	Li Jiao NED
12	CAO Zhen CHN	27	FAN Ying CHN
13	GAO Jun USA	28	DING Ning CHN
14	JIANG Huajun HKG	29	TOTH Krisztina HUN
15	LIN Ling HKG	30	SHEN Yanfei PRK



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Rooney and Co. also swear on Butterfly

English football national team members wanted to play table tennis in the Regent-Esplanade Hotel when they fought the European Championships qualification match against Croatia. Rooney and Co. required Butterfly equipment only, a Butterfly table! This was an excellent advertisement for our sport and Butterfly's local distributor has immediately organized the delivery of the table and the other necessary equipment in order to fulfil their wish.

A daily newspaper in Zagreb wrote as follows:

While planning the football game in Zagreb, the English Football Association has forwarded an interesting requirement for the Regent-Esplanade Hotel: a table tennis table had to be ready at the hotel when the players arrive.

Their wish has been fulfilled as Mr. Zlatko Pospis, the official distributor of Butterfly equipment within Croatia, has delivered a table to the hotel on Monday evening with many balls and very good rackets. The biggest table tennis fan, according to our information, is Peter Crouch.

The players of the English delegation like table tennis very much as it helps them to improve their concentration in the game.



Butterfly worldwide: Table tennis advertising on the Maldives

A Butterfly Mini Table was part of the luggage when the leader of school sports, Johannes Herrmann, of the HTTV (Hessian Table Tennis Association) and his girl-friend Aline checked in at the airport in Frankfurt. His intentions were to get the attention of the people on the Maldives for Timo Boll and table tennis. He succeeded with the club leader Fathuhulla Ibrahim. He didn't only pose for a photo but will also include table tennis in the new club opening towards the end of this year.



Herrmann has got a lot of experience because of his engagement with school sports and the Ping-Pong Club Frankfurt, where table tennis is played outdoors on big and smaller tables. So it was decided to present this concept to the club leader for the opening of the club.

Technique and tactical analysis Boll – Wang Part II

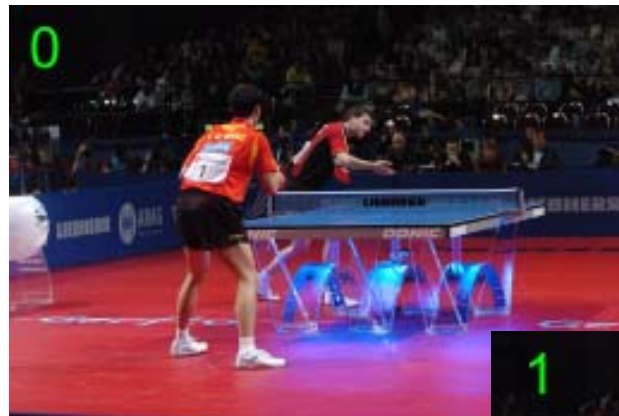
Timo's triple dream combination

„Forehand – loop/backhand loop/forehand loop from the backhand side“

Timo Boll against Wang Liqin means world class table tennis. There is nothing better than that. This picture series underlines the perfection of these table tennis artists once again. Looking at the picture series you can only guess the speed and the dynamic of the movement in comparison to a film clip but it allows you a very detailed view on special parts of the movement and the game situation. This becomes very obvious by looking at the following picture series.

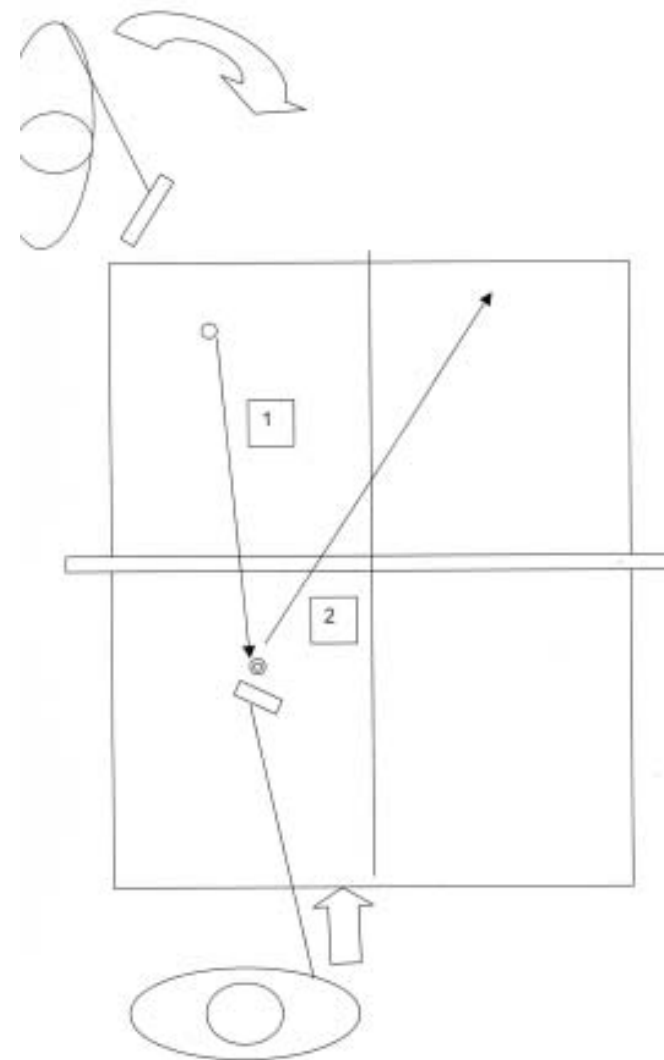
Pictures 0-5: As usual Timo serves with his forehand from the backhand side. The angle of the bat and the direction of the movement indicate a serve with side-backspin (Pictures 1,2).

The ball is placed to the middle of Wang's backhand. The Chinese moves in towards the short serve with a big step forward of his right leg and pushes it aggressively long and diagonally to the middle of his opponent's forehand. This aggressive push, with a lot of backspin, can be seen not only from Wang, but from all top Chinese players. They want to achieve a direct point or force their opponent to loop the ball slowly and passively so that they can counter loop or smash the next ball hard. This proves how important the push stroke is, which is so often neglected in training.



07 Stars under the magnifier

Illustration 1 Serve Boll (1) – Backhand push Wang (2) (pictures 0-5)

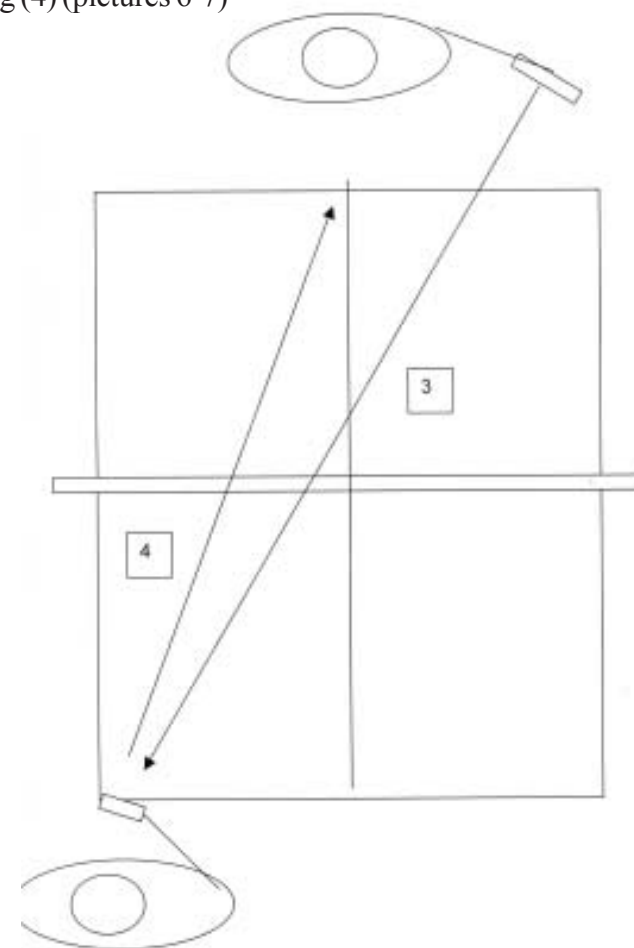


08 Stars under the magnifier



Pictures 6-7: Timo recognizes the danger of this extreme backspin and starts his movement for a forehand loop extremely low down (picture 6). He then loops the ball with a lot of spin long to the far backhand of Wang. Picture 7 shows clearly how steep upwards Timo's left arm is moving. This direction of the stroke is necessary to be able to loop against so much backspin. Wang blocks the ball passively with the bat angle very closed. He only lets the ball bounce off the bat without any additional movement of the arm or hand (compare picture 8 to 9, the bat hardly moves). The world number 1 places the ball to the middle of the table to make it harder for Boll to decide between forehand and backhand.

Illustration 2 Forehand loop Boll(3) – Backhand block Wang (4) (pictures 6-7)

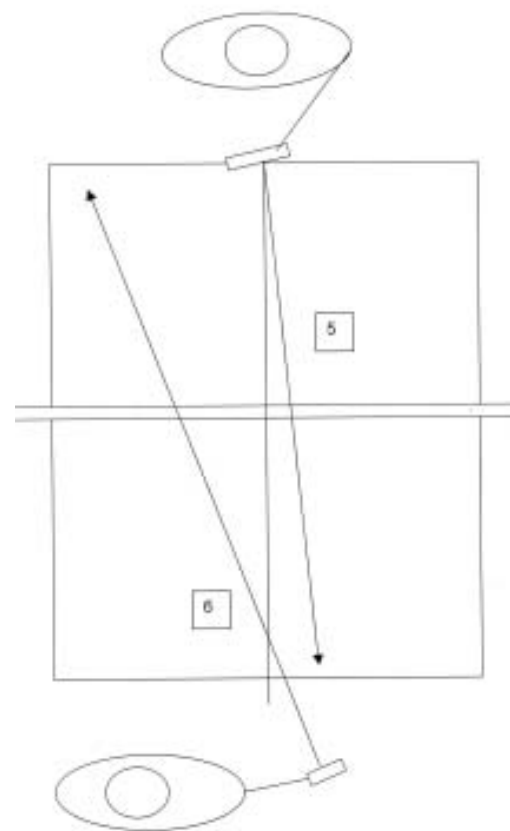


09 Stars under the magnifier



Pictures 10-13: But now Timo plays his joker. Instead of following up with a hard forehand loop, which is hardly manageable in this situation because of the speed of the block, he loops from the middle of the table hard with his backhand half diagonally to Wang's forehand. Timo puts his opponent with this backhand loop under time pressure. You can clearly see that Wang's following forehand loop is more passive than active, because he takes the ball so late. Wang's forehand looks impressive but is in the end only a reaction without putting on any pressure. Wang hits the ball late and the stroke movement goes upwards. The ball is slow and Timo can easily work it out.

Illustration 3 Backhand loop Boll(5) – Forehand loop Wang(6) (pictures 10-13)

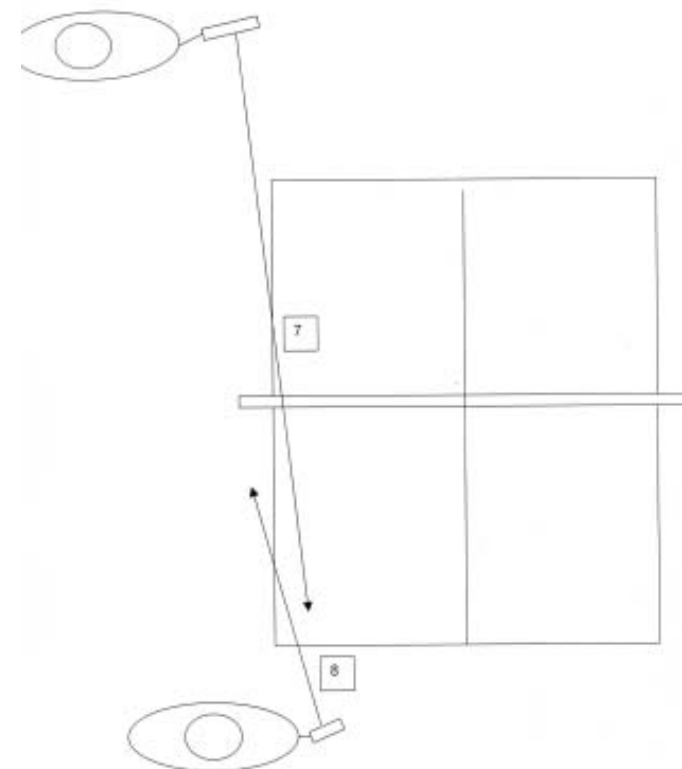


10 Stars under the magnifier



Pictures 14-17: Although Wang's topspin goes to Timo's far backhand, Timo manages to run around with a big sidestep and hits a deadly stroke: a forehand power spin parallel to Wang's backhand. Wang still manages to hit the ball with his forehand (picture 16,17), which shows how unbelievably fast the Chinese is. The ball misses the table but only the attempt to play it back says everything about Wang's abilities. Timo is just as fast if you look at the sequence of his strokes – forehand serve from the backhand side, forehand loop from the far forehand, backhand loop from the middle of the table and finally a forehand loop from the far backhand side. This is difficult to beat.

Illustration 4 Forehand loop Boll from the backhand side(7) – Wang forehand return(8) – mistake (pictures 14-17)



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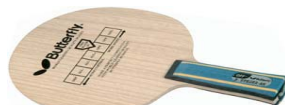


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Japan's Boys' Group successful during Pro Tour

Mario Amizic: My kids have only come up to 50%



Mario Amizic, your Japanese youngsters have all achieved remarkable results and caused some international sensation in November at the Pro Tour Tournaments in Europe. What is your comment about the success at the German and Polish Open?

I can only be happy. Taku Takakiwa, Seiya Kishikawa and of course Jun Mizutani have made a lot of sacrifices and are far away from home. They have voluntarily taken upon them many trying moments and believed in me in difficult situations.

Now they see more and more that it can be worth it while. Really: I am very happy for all of them because they really are that good.

What is your conclusion out of those two tournaments?

The level of the Pro Tour and the top players against whom they played and the matches they won, is normally not yet their standard. Considering the partially surprising results I have got to say: they are there, and they are very close.

You sound a bit surprised yourself.....

Only about the time, but not about the quality of play. I knew before what they are able to achieve this. The potential is there. Naturally we are still light – years away from China, but if the boys keep going, Japan has got a really great team in a few years time.

What is your team still lacking?

The way is still long and we should keep both our feet on the ground. All players are still very young and because of that we are lacking consistency, but they keep improving, every month and every year. As I said: we are very close, but the two balls we are missing sometimes may mean two month of work or even two years. That is sometimes difficult to predict. Their big advantage is their youth.

Jun Mizutani is generally known as the biggest talent of your boys group. What are the reasons for the difference between his weaker results at tournaments in Germany and Poland on the one hand and his brilliant results in the Bundesliga for Borussia Duesseldorf on the other hand?

Jun had a blackout during the qualification. In Warsaw he was leading twice 10:6 against the former World Champion Werner Schlager. This shows his lack of consistency, but that is no reason to start worrying.

Yes, they are very close now, but now we are entering phases where everything becomes more complicated: our free space becomes

less, the costs are mounting, the pressure is increasing and the responsibilities towards the clubs are getting bigger and eventually financials matters play a role. We are in a very deciding phase.

Which is your prognosis for „your kids“?

I think that they will become really good after the Olympic Games in Peking. They have all only achieved 50 percent of their potential.

That would make your association very happy, because the single WC in Yokohama is a home game for your players.....

I don't know what will happen in Yokohama. Perhaps they manage a good result at the single WC 2007 in Zagreb. I am sure about one thing: every victory, it doesn't matter in which League or in which tournament, will make them more confident. Every victory makes my kids more dangerous.

At the beginning of your project many Japanese were sceptical towards your program. What is the feeling now?

At the beginning of January we are back in Japan, then I will know. I noticed for some time that many things are looked upon in a more positive way. The results of the boys are the reason for that. It was clear to me right from the beginning that only such results can be convincing. In the meantime it has been confirmed that it was right to go to Europe. We owe our thanks to the DTTB and Duesseldorf's coach Dirk Wagner, because we could only develop according to our wishes through their help at the new DTTZ.

Soon the pre Olympic year is starting. Have you got plans for your group for the time after Peking?

First we have to come to Peking, then we must see. We will surely talk about this, autumn 2007.

Mario Amizic, thank you for this conversation.





2nd International Butterfly Table Tennis Summer Camp



Train like the Professionals

Last year the Hessian Table Tennis Association (HTTV) and its partner Tamasu Butterfly organized the first international Butterfly Table Tennis Summer Camp. The camp was a great success so that now the 2nd camp will take place in **Frankfurt** again from the

30th of July to the 3rd of August 2007.

Chief coach Helmut Hampl (coach of the Bundesliga Team Goennern, Timo Boll and Joerg Roszkopf) and his team of coaches offer you professional training conditions including:

- Video – analysis
- Many balls practice
- Training for all age groups and abilities etc.
- Service training
- Advice in all areas
- And much more

The camp is limited to 40 participants and application forms have to be in by the 1st of May 2007 to the Hessian Association. The costs are: from 380 Euros full pension for 5 days.

Further information as well as the application is available from:

The Hessian Table Tennis Association: www.httv.de E-Mail: geschaeftsstelle@httv.de

