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New sponsor for Timo Boll



The WC season started well for World Cup Winner Timo Boll, independently of his engagement in the Chinese Super League: The international insurance company ARAG announced its engagement as a new sponsor of the German Butterfly – Star during Boll's visit to the country of the World Champions. The contract between the company from Duesseldorf and the 2nd of the World Ranking List from Champions – League – Winners TTV Goennern runs up to the Olympic Games 2008 in Peking.

„Timo Boll is one of the most well known German Athletes worldwide. He fits in with us not only because of his achievements but also because of his fairness, integrity and his human reliability“, explained marketing leader Connie Peters the support of the biggest German sports insurance for Hessen.

The sponsoring of Boll adds to ARAG's engagement especially with table tennis. The family company has supported the German record Champion and Butterfly - partner Borussia Duesseldorf for years as well as Christian Suess (Duesseldorf), with whom Boll won WC silver in Shanghai in 2005. Moreover the ARAG Concern is the main sponsor of the German Table Tennis Association (DTTB) and appeared in the same role during the Team – WC in Bremen last spring, where the DTTB men won the Bronze medal. Peters: “We are also satisfied with our engagement in table tennis, because this big sport for all is known to be free of doping and the laws of fair play are followed by the professionals.”



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German Table Tennis Centre DTTZ opens

The heart of German table tennis is in Düsseldorf

The heart of German table tennis beats in Düsseldorf since the beginning of August. The start of action in the German Table Tennis Centre (DTTZ) in the Rhine metropolis has entered a new period in the home country of Butterfly - Star Timo Boll.



„We are very grateful that our sport has received a home“, explains Hans Wilhelm Gaeb, the honourable president of the German Table Tennis Association (DTTB), the meaning of the modern training and performance centre of the German Table Tennis Association (DTTB) and calls the DTTZ a „miracle“.

Gaeb, who is well known for his carefully chosen words, and the initiator of the Five – Million – Euro – project, which was built in just about nine month very close to centre of the German Record Champion and Butterfly Club Borussia Düsseldorf, does not make a secret of the sporting expectations especially for the coming generations: „Now it is up to the table tennis sport itself to make good use of these unique conditions.“

Düsseldorf offers the best conditions indeed. Two big halls with ideal light and red floors throughout, a physio- and fitness room as well as a sauna with a separated restroom and of course a room for medical treatment – a walk through the new DTTZ makes the heart of each table tennis player beat faster. „The DTTZ is the new heart of our promotion for the top sports areas“, describes head coach Dirk Schimmelpfennig the meaning of Düsseldorf with its training facilities equally good as competition conditions.



07. - 10. Septembre 2006

Pro Tour: Volkswagen Singapore Open, Singapur

14. - 17. Septembre 2006

Pro Tour: Panasonic China Open

21. - 24. Septembre 2006

Pro Tour: Volkswagen Japan Open, Yokohama



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An important part of the DTTZ is the boarding school for the „Bolls of tomorrow“. There are 16 full time - and 25 part time places available. Apart from the private areas there are numerous rooms available for the educational care of the young generation, for which the DTTB is cooperating closely with three schools.



„This is a dream for an association like the DTTB, that such a project is possible in times like this. You live table tennis in the DTTZ, which is a good feeling for everybody, who loves table tennis“, describes Schimelpfennig the character of this new talent production place.

Included are the possibilities to arrange international training camps. One of the deciding factors for Duesseldorf was the good connection to the airport and motorways. „Training centres which are easy to reach and have got effective training structures and pleasant surroundings are always in demand. You can be sure of national and international interest“, declares the DTTB head coach about the infra structural preferences of the DTTZ.



Apart from regular training camps for the bronze medallist Germany around Timo Boll, the main target is on the training work in the women area. The responsible people of the DTTB can imagine Duesseldorf as a central training centre for European top players in the race against the „World Power“ China. „It is possible to arrange training camps for the best in the DTTZ“, Schimelpfennig explains the idea of the German Association. „If people are interested it is possible for an international group to practice.“

The DTTZ has also roused enthusiasm in the table tennis industry. Butterfly decided to support this future project because of the convincing concept for Duesseldorf and to become a partner of the DTTB for years to come –together with other well known companies.



The DTTB president Thomas Weikert was convinced about the acceptance beyond the German borders before the building works started last autumn. „Duesseldorf will make German table tennis internationally more important“, said the chief of the association.

The financing of the building was a downright coup. Despite the difficult economic situation in Germany, Gaeb and the DTTB gained a complete take over of the building costs by public means. The town Duesseldorf paid 50% of the costs and is now functioning as the owner of the DTTZ, the second half was paid to 30% by the region North-Rhine-Westphalia and to 20% by the state. „That has been the second miracle for German table tennis“, says Gaeb to the amazing result of his five year long effort: „Table tennis is the only important sport in Germany, which can build and take over such a modern top centre despite the present economical difficulties.“



China vs. World Allstars

Butterfly-Stars Boll and Oh are testing the new Olympic playing system

This is a great honour for Butterfly-Stars Timo Boll and Oh Sang-Eun: The German world cup champion and the WC-Third from South Korea are the heart of the international challengers of Single World Champion Wang Liqin and Double Olympic Champions Ma Lin and Chen Qi. This table tennis spectacle „China vs. the World Allstars“ takes place on September 12th in Kuala Lumpur. The coach of the world selection team, which is completed by the European Champion Vladimir Samsonov (White Russia), is the German national coach Richard Prause.

Plenty TV coverage should guarantee an advertisement for table tennis. According to official announcements this high class competition in Malaysia's capital shall give some insight into the new playing system to the world association ITTF, the coaches and the players, for the Olympic premier of team competition in the games 2008 in Peking. According to the barely known Olympic rules each of the three players of a team can either play two singles or one single and one double of maximal five matches up to the deciding third point.



ITTF World 's Ranking lists, mens (08/2006)

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

(Butterfly-players are marked!)

ITTF World 's Ranking lists, women (08/2006)

1	ZHANG Yining CHN	16	WANG Yue Gu SIN
2	GUO Yue CHN	17	LAU Sui Fei HKG
3	GUO Yan CHN	18	PAVLOVICH Viktoria BLR
4	TIE Yana HKG	18	STEFF Mihaela ROU
5	WANG Nan CHN	20	LI nan CHN
6	LI Xiaoxia CHN	21	LIU Jia AUT
7	Li Jia Wei SIN	22	STRUSE Nicole GER
8	NIU Jianfeng CHN	23	TOTH Krisztina HUN
9	BOROS Tamara HRV	24	PARK Mi Young KOR
10	KIM Kyung Ah KOR	25	FAN Ying CHN
11	CAO Zhen CHN	26	SHEN Yanfei PRK
12	LI Ling HKG	27	Li Jiao NED
13	GAO Jun USA	28	MOON Hyun Jung KOR
14	FUKUHARA Ai JAP	29	HIRANO Sayaka JPN
15	JIANG Huajun HKG	30	ZHANG Rui HKG

1. Butterfly Training-Camp a big Success

Boll visit inspires young and old

The first international Butterfly Training – Camp of the Hessian Table Tennis Association (HTTV) has been a big success. 40 participants between 9 and 66 years old from many different parts of Europe practiced at the main sports centre in Frankfurt/Main at a camp of special quality during the last week in July and are weeks later still full of praise. „My colleagues and I are still receiving Emails of happy participants who are asking if there will be a camp in 2007“, reports success coach Helmut Hampl as the main coach in charge and announced that there will be another camp next year: „We will do the same again. We haven't decided on the date yet but it will probably be in July again.“

The brilliant response to the camp with the motto „Train like Timo Boll“ doesn't come from nowhere. „We followed a completely different philosophy than other table tennis schools.

Apart from the fact that our sessions with 2 ½ hours twice a day were longer so that we could work much more intensive, we took special care of the individual needs of the participants. I think that everybody appreciated that“, reflects Hampl.

The structured program of technique and individual training with many balls practice and robot as well as video analysis which Hampl and his colleagues Tobias Beck, Horst Heckwolf, Georg Imhof, Martin Reiter and Mario Bauer put together for four groups, which were picked after age and ability, gained additional dynamic through the enthusiasm of the players. „They were all highly motivated. They even used the possibility for extra physical training outside of training sessions despite the heat outside. I thought that was incredible. The enthusiasm of the players made work even more fun for us coaches.“

Special fun was of course the surprise visit of World Cup Winner Boll. The number 2 in the world and World Doubles Finalist demonstrated together with Andreas Ball systematic training on top level for 60 minutes and played a few balls afterwards with some of the participants. Boll praised the initiative of Butterfly and the HTTV after this sweaty extra session: „I had been happy if I would have had the opportunity to watch top players practicing and to take part in such a training camp.“

Yuki Kamizuru, the manager of Tamasu Butterfly Europe, personally spent a day at the camp and watched the training. Hampl hopes that through the experience of the Boll training and the intensive care all participants will gain remaining knowledge: „Our declared target was to give inspiration and new ideas for the training at home to everybody and to show how you can reach your own limits. I think we succeeded because of the impression and feedback many participants gave.“



Petr Korbels Rückhand-„Chiquita“-Spin – Teil 1

It doesn't happen very often that players invent 'new' strokes. Petr Korbel's backhand „Chiquita“ – spin is surely one of them. The principle of the Chiquita spin is not new but Petr Korbel plays it perfectly so that it is useful on high level. What is it about?

The name „Chiquita“ results from the trajectory of the ball, which looks like the form of a banana. The reason for this is, that contact with the ball is made on the side, so that extreme sidespin is produced. We are familiar with the banana trajectory from the classical forehand sidespin.

Basically the backhand – „Chiquita“-spin is a backhand loop variety, which

- a) is mainly hit over the table
- b) with sidespin.

The „Chiquita“ spin is also a flip variety on short serves or short returns. That depends on how you look at it. Nowadays some of the top players play this backhand sidespin variety also away from the table like for example Timo Boll. These strokes especially caused big problems for the Chinese at his World-Cup-Triumph in Luettich last autumn.

In this Newsletter we are going to analyse the stroke from a sideways view, in the following September issue we look at it from the front. Ludwig Nottelmann is going to produce a special edition about this „Chiquita“ technique in his new table tennis booklet (LuNo-Publisher).



Picture 1: Petr Korbel is returning the ball. He is just leaving his neutral position: Three angle position a,b,c. His right leg has already lost contact with the floor (!).



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Pictures 2 and 3: Petr takes the right foot forward (2) and puts down his heel to balance his body weight with his right foot. Simultaneously he starts his arm movement by angling and lifting his elbow away from his body (!).



Pictures 4 and 5 show clearly how extreme the preparatory movement is using the „Chiquita“ spin. At the end of the preparatory movement (picture 5) the elbow is on the same height as the thought shoulder axis x. The racket head is clearly behind the thought vertical shoulder axis y. The racket is extremely bent backwards and downwards by the wrist, so that the racket head is practically pointing downwards. The starting movement with the high elbow shows clearly that this stroke is especially suited as a flip over the board (u). The body weight is clearly on the front right leg (u). With left handed players this would be the left leg of course.



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Picture 6 shows the phase just before making contact with the ball, which is over the table.

The extreme tension in the upper arm and forearm, which was caused by taking the elbow up and forward, is already reduced a lot. Only the wrist is still angled extremely downwards with a lot of tension (!). The tension of the wrist is dissolved at the moment of contact with the ball, where the wrist „explodes“ and the racket is moved upwards and forwards like lightening. Here it is worth to compare the position of the wrist to picture 7.

Picture 7 shows the end of the stroke. The wrist is now in a relaxed basic position. The racket head reaches up about head height.

Picture 8: Petr is now taking the racket back to the neutral position. Simultaneously he pushes his forward right foot backwards (!) to come back to the optimal neutral position.



09 Products of the month

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New!

RADIAL GS 06

Lightweight and flexible table tennis shoe In addition to the already existing RADIAL models this shoe attracts attention through its light weight, a modern look and perfect fit. Extensive mesh insets increase the breathability; A special lacing provides best fixation and stability for the players feet. EVA damping and a grip sole make this shoe a top class product 275 g (per piece /size 43), sizes 36-47

54,90 €



REVERSE Socks

Modern socks with reinforced sole area, elastic from 80% cotton, 10% Spandex, 7% Nylon, 3% Elastan
Colour: white, Sizes S (36-38), M (39-42), L (43-46)

4,90 €

COACH Leisure Shoe

Best Comfort outside of the hall. This lightweight outdoor shoe with an attractive design provides comfortable movement on the way to and back from the sports hall. The EVA sole supports a sufficient damping, the stable lacing cares for an optimum fit. The sole leaves no stains on the floor.
320g (per piece /size 43), sizes 36-47

49,90 €



STRIPE Sneaker In

Modern socks with reinforced sole area, elastic from 80% cotton, 10% Spandex, 7% Nylon, 3% Elastan
Colour: white, Sizes: S (36-38), M (39-42), L (43-46)

4,40 €



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LOGO Wrist band / Head band

100% cotton. Colours: black, royal blue

2,40 €



BUTTERFLY Towel

100% cotton, 50 x 100 cm

9,90 €



ITALIA Towel

100% cotton, 50 x 100 cm. A collection
Italian table tennis national team

10,90 €

