

Munich May 6th – Vienna first ever real game of Touch

Final Score of game yesterday: Munich 9 - Vienna 5and we were actually leading at Half-Time 4-3 !!!!!

Man of the Match: Doug - scored 2 tries, put in 100% and was great on his scrambling defence.

Special mention:

Sascha - his unique talents on attack and defence got even the Munich guys talking about him and considering hes only being playing about 6 weeks, his playing was pretty special.

Tracy - played her heart out and was great on attack.

All our girls - Kati, Suzana and Tracey - I got quite a few comments back on how impressed the Munich people were with how well our girls played and how good their ball handling was.

What we learnt:

-We arent that bad! We attacked quite well, getting down to their try line frequently - 2 and 3 man driving was great! And our handling of the ball and lack of dropped balls was really good (Martys passing drills must be working...)

-We need to work on our defence. It was hard for us to get back the 5m to 8m the Referee set so we were frequently offside, and we will need to learn to work as a team to cover the field and not leave gaps open.

-We saw that real Touch is much faster than we are used to and how tired we get very quickly and we therefore saw how important good subbing is. Our substitution was a mess but thats OK, we had never practiced it so guess what we are practicing this week ;-)

To those of you who played in Munich, congratulations to you all because we surprised the Munich team and also ourselves at how good we had actually become in such a short time. We will now try to organise a game against them in Salzburg in the next months, because they are keen to play with us more regularly, and I know that most of you that played yesterday cannot wait to do it again!

To keep things in perspective, Munich played 100% of the time with 3 girls+3 boys whilst we played with 4 or 5 boys, they were missing their 3 top players from the German National Team and the Referees were very easy on us compared to the Munich team and we had some of their players so we had some advantages - BUT we were also tired from the driving and some terrible sleeps the night before and also were missing Marty and Jonathan and Anne due to the Highway being closed Sunday morning . But the whole point was "development" and to gain some experience and it boosted our confidence and we all got a taste of real Touch Rugby.

I think Munich's experience, stamina and better subbing wore us down in the second half. They were the better team but I think that if we can keep up the learning curve we will beat them at some point in the next 2-3 years.