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GRÜN WEISS BACK IN GERMANY

2015



1ST TEAM – NEWS AND NOTES.

The Green White First Team has experienced a state of transition this season with a new coach and an influx of new players. The team opened the season with a tough loss to Connection (2-1) but bounced back with a solid victory against Minyor Chicago (3-0) and a draw against always tough AAC Eagles (3-3). But after that, the team could not catch a break, losing **Martin Khoshaba** for 3 games due to a dubious red-card and subsequent league suspension and then going down a man early in a game against Vikings AA. The team has recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/19 v. Connection. 2-1 Loss.
- 04/26 at Minyor Chicago SC. 3-0 win.
- 05/03 v. Schwaben AC. Rescheduled
- 05/10 v. AAC Eagles. 3-3 draw.
- 05/17 at Hellenic United. 4-3 loss.
- 05/31 v. International SC. 2-0 loss.
- 06/07 at Vikings AA. 5-2 loss.
- 06/14 v. Chicago Kickers. Rescheduled.
- 06/21 at United Serbs. 6-2 loss.



O30 TEAM - NEWS AND NOTES.

The O30 Team has struggled for results this season, always seemingly in every game until the final 20 minutes. The boys also lost a tough game (3-4 in penalties) to Torino in the quarterfinals of the Illinois State Cup.



GRÜN WEISS SC IN ROTHENBURG O.D.T., GERMANY



GW CAPTAINS TINA SUTO AND LAURYN SCHNEIDER EXCHANGE PENNANTS AT TSV CRAILSHEIM

The squad has recorded the following league results on the season:

- 04/18 at Lions. 4-1 loss.
- 04/25 v. FK Republika Srpska. Rescheduled.
- 05/02 v. Lithuanica SC. 7-1 loss.
- 05/16 v. United Serbs. 5-2 loss.
- 05/30 at AAC Eagles. 4-2 loss.
- 06/06 v. Hellenic United. 5-3 loss.
- 06/13 at Schwaben AC. Rescheduled.
- 06/20 at Chicago Force. Rescheduled.



O40 TEAM - NEWS AND NOTES.

The O40 Team is once again playing in the Metropolitan O40 League. Through 7 games, the team has run out to a 1-2-4 (WLD) record, scoring 14 goals for while giving up 21. They also crashed out of the Illinois State Cup in the semi-finals (5-2) against AAC Eagles. The team has recorded the following Metropolitan League results on the season:

- 04/18 v. Calisia. 4-0 loss.
- 04/25 v. Wisla. Rescheduled.
- 05/02 at United Serbs. 1-1 draw.
- 05/09 at Fichte Rams. 4-3 loss.
- 05/16 v. Cracovia. 4-1 win.
- 05/30 v. Connection SC. 2-2 draw.



- 06/06 at Lithuanica SC. Rescheduled.
- 06/13 at Calisia. 4-1 loss.
- 06/20 at Wisla. 5-3 loss.
- 06/27 v. United Serbs. Rescheduled.

To complete the “Weekend Warrior” syndrome, the O40s are also competing in the Premier Soccer League on Sunday mornings. With a number of cancellations due to weather, the team has only played 5 games this spring and currently sit in 5th place with a record of 2-2-1 (WLD), scoring 10 goals for while allowing 10 at the other end. The team has recorded the following results thus far on the season:



- 04/26 at Park Ridge Rogues. 2-1 loss.
- 05/03 v. FC DePaul. 2-1 win.
- 05/17 at FC Romania. Rescheduled.
- 05/31 v. Gato Verde. 4-1 win.
- 06/07 at Botev Chicago. Rescheduled.
- 06/14 at Real Wilmette. 3-0 loss.
- 06/21 v. Jakes Stars Punishers. Rescheduled.
- 06/28 at Park Ridge Rogues. 3-3 draw.
- 06/27 v. United Serbs. Rescheduled.



YOUTH DIVISION - NEWS AND NOTES.



SUMMER CAMPS. Mark your calendars for upcoming summer camps.

- **Open Play Mondays** - July 6 through July 27 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (cost and registration TBD);
- **German Camp / BOTN Camp** – July 27- July 30;
- **GWYSC Team Camp** – Week of August 10 – August 14. Newly formed teams will train with DOC and select coaches on team tactics. Each team will have 3 -75 minute sessions – last session a scrimmage with another team;
- **Pre-Season Camp** – August 17- 20 – Getting ready for the Fall 2015 Season.



See the Green White website (www.greenwhitesoccer.org) for more details on all our summer camps.

BOYS YOUTH TRAVEL TEAMS - SPRING



Green White Grün (BU09)

Coach Dave Viers; Assistant Joel Adams

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in 4th place on 7 points from a record of 2-5-1 (WLD), scoring 23 goals for while allowing 32. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 v. Palatine Celtic. 4-3 win.
- 04/18 v. Chicago Fire Jr. 5-6 loss.
- 04/19 at Elite SC. 8-2 win.
- 04/25 at Chicago Fire Jr. 3-2 loss.



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- 04/26 v. Arlington Aces. 3-2 loss.
- 05/03 v. VH Cougars SC. 8-0 loss.
- 05/10 at VH Cougars SC. 6-1 loss.
- 05/16 at Palatine Celtic. 1-1 draw.



Green White Weiss (BU09)

Coach Maninder Gill; Assistant Chris Salatino

The Green White Weiss finished the spring season in **1st place** on 19 points from a record of 6-1-1 (WLD), scoring 40 goals for (most in the league) while allowing only 13 (least in the league). The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 v. Park Ridge. 8-3 win.
- 04/18 v. Celtic FC. 4-0 win.
- 04/19 v. Arlington Aces. 1-1 draw.
- 04/25 at Celtic FC. 5-2 win.
- 05/02 v. TESC Premier. 11-1 win.
- 05/03 at EG Force. 3-1 win.
- 05/10 at Arlington Aces. 3-2 loss.
- 05/16 at Park Ridge. 6-2 win.



GREEN WHITE ON PARADE ON THE 4TH OF JULY IN MT. PROSPECT, ILLINOIS

- 04/25 at Lincolnshire Lightning. 3-2 win.
- 05/02 v. Chicago Fire Jr. 4-1 win.
- 05/03 v. ELA SC @. 4-3 win.
- 05/17 v. Arlington Aces. 9-1 win.
- 05/30 at VH Cougars SC. 4-1 loss.
- 05/31 v. Palatine Celtic. 3-3 draw.



Green White Grün (BU11)

Coach Maninder Gill; Assistant Les Rebbeck

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in **3rd place** on 16 points from a record of 5-2-1 (WLD), scoring 32 goals for while allowing 21. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/11 v. LFSA. 5-3 win.
- 04/18 at Elite SC. 4-3 loss.



Green White Weiss (BU11)

Coach Joe Welk; Asst. Michael Brummer

The Green White Weiss finished the spring season tied for **3rd place** on 12 points from a record of 4-4-0 (WLD), scoring 23 goals for while allowing 26. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 v. Elite SC. 5-2 loss.
- 04/18 at Crossfire SC. 8-1 loss.
- 04/19 v. Arlington. 4-0 win.
- 05/16 at Elite SC. 2-0 win.
- 06/06 v. TESC Premier. 4-1 win.
- 05/31 v. Grove United. 4-2 win.
- 06/06 at WC Wildcats. 5-2 loss.
- 06/07 v. Eclipse. 5-4 loss.



2015 - 1st TEAM OUTDOOR STANDINGS

	TEAM	GP	W	L	D	GF:GA	PTS
1	Hellenic United	9	6	1	2	29:8	20
2	Schwaben AC	9	5	2	2	31:10	17
3	United Serbs	8	4	2	2	28:18	14
4	International SC	9	4	3	2	16:20	14
5	AAC Eagles	8	2	0	6	21:16	12
6	Vikings AA	7	3	1	3	14:12	12
7	Chicago Kickers	8	3	5	0	16:24	9
8	Connection SC	9	2	4	3	12:24	9
9	Grün Weiss SC	8	1	6	1	14:27	4
10	Minyor Chicago	9	0	6	3	2:24	3



Green White Grün (BU12)

Coach Adam Howarth; Asst. Rick Kaempfer

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in **2nd place** on 19 points from a record of 6-1-1 (WLD), scoring 33 goals for while allowing 20. The team recorded the following results on the season:





A WORD ABOUT "HYDRATION"

HEY KIDS, ITS YOUR UNCLE AXEL HERE WITH A LESSON ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HYDRATION.



OUR BODIES ARE 90% WATER AND WHEN PLAYING SOCCER, WE LOSE SOME OF THAT WATER THROUGH SWEAT AND PERSPIRATION.



IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A PROPER BALANCE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATER, BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER GAMES.



OTHERWISE, YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF AT A RESTAURANT IN LAS VEGAS WITH SEVERE AND UNCONTROLLABLE LEG CRAMPS.

- 04/11 v. Arlington Aces. 8-3 win.
- 04/18 v. Barcelona Elite. 2-2 draw.
- 04/25 at Barcelona Elite. 5-1 loss.
- 05/02 at Elite SC. 2-1 win.
- 05/10 v. SUFC Falcons. 6-3 win.
- 05/16 at Arlington Aces. 2-1 win.
- 06/06 v. SUFC Falcons. 5-3 win.
- 06/07 v. Park Ridge. 7-2 win.



Green White Grün (BU13)

Coach Sean Connor; Asst. Scott Keane

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in 4th place on 9 points from a record of 3-5-0 (WLD), scoring 26 goals for while allowing 40. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/18 v. Impulse FC. 6-2 win.
- 04/25 v. Park Ridge. 10-3 loss.
- 04/26 v. Kuba Elite. 4-3 loss.
- 05/02 at HP Elite SC. 6-1 win.
- 05/09 v. Chicago Magic. 6-3 loss.
- 05/17 at FC Mirage. 4-1 win.
- 05/30 at Kuba Elite. 11-1 loss.
- 06/06 at Chicago Magic. 5-0 loss.



Green White Weiss (BU13)

Coach Sean Connor; Asst. Tina Kozil

The Green White Weiss team showed a lot of progress on the season and had fun in the process. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/18 v. Grove United. 7-1 loss.
- 04/25 at Mt Prospect United. 4-0 loss.
- 05/03 v. EG Force. 6-1 loss.
- 05/09 v. Chicago Fire Jr. 10-0 loss.
- 05/16 at Grove United. 10-0 loss.
- 05/17 v. Mt. Prospect United. 11-1 loss.
- 06/06 at Chicago Fire Jr. 8-2 loss.
- 06/07 at EG Force. 5-2 loss.

GIRLS YOUTH TRAVEL TEAMS - SPRING



Green White Grün (GU09)

Ch. Melissa Cascella; Assts. Steve Samuelson & Mario Valentini

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in 4th place on 9 points from a record of 3-5-0 (WLD), scoring 16 goals for while allowing 30. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 v. Glenview Select. 6-1 loss.



- 04/19 v. Northwind Blue. 6-5 win.
- 04/26 v. Trevian Blue. 3-1 loss.
- 05/09 at Trevian Blue. 3-0 loss.
- 05/10 v. Team Evanston. 3-0 win.
- 05/17 at Glenview Select. 8-1 loss.
- 05/31 at Northwind Blue. 3-2 win.
- 06/03 at Chicago City Blue. 3-0 loss.



Green White Weiss (GU09)

Coach Melissa Cascella; Asst. Grant Vreuls

The Green White Weiss team showed progress during the spring season and had fun in the process. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 v. Arlington Aces. 9-2 loss.
- 04/18 at LFSA. 6-1 loss.
- 04/25 v. Celtic FC. 5-1 loss.
- 04/26 v. LFSA. 2-1 loss.
- 05/02 at Celtic FC. 4-2 loss.
- 05/03 at LASC. 5-2 loss.
- 05/17 at Arlington Aces. 8-0 loss.
- 05/30 v. LASC. 6-1 loss.



Green White Grün (GU10)

Coach Radziszewski; Assts. Linda Boltz & Tony Soltys

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in **1st place** on 19 points from a record of 6-1-1, scoring 30 goals (most in the league) while allowing only 12 (least in the league).



SURE, ALL SMILES NOW. BUT WHEN THEY COULDN'T FIND THE KEYS FOR 45 MINUTES, GUESS WHO HAD THE LAST LAUGH?

The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 at Heat United. 4-1 win.
- 04/19 at Chicago Alliance FC. 5-4 loss.
- 04/26 v. LFSA. 4-1 win.
- 05/03 at Palatine Celtic. 7-1 win.
- 05/10 v. Arlington Aces. 2-1 win.
- 05/17 at FC Barrington. 4-0 win.
- 05/31 v. LASC. 2-2 draw.
- 06/07 at Chicago Alliance FC. 3-1 win.



Green White Weiss (GU11)

Coach Adam Howarth; Asst. Peter Konar

The Green White Weiss team showed progress during the spring season and had fun in the process. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 v. Team Evanston. 4-0 loss.
- 04/19 v. Jahbat FC. 0-0 draw.
- 04/25 v. Chicago Magic PSG. 5-0 loss.
- 05/03 v. Chicago Powerstrikers. 3-2 loss.
- 05/10 at Trevian. 3-0 loss.
- 05/16 at Team Evanston. 4-0 loss.
- 05/17 v. Celtic FC. 2-2 draw.
- 05/31 at Euro Premier. 4-0 loss.
- 06/06 at Jahbat FC. 6-1 loss.



Green White Grün (GU11)

Coach Kelsey Carmichael; Assts. Duckmann & Samuelson

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season in **2nd place** on 17 points from a record of 5-1-2 (WLD), scoring 20 goals for while giving up 16.



Marissa Valentini
(Green White U14 Defender)

Tobin Heath (and twin)
(USWNT Midfielder)



The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/12 at ELA. 3-1 win.
- 04/19 v. Palatine Celtic. 3-3 draw.
- 04/26 at Heat United. 2-1 win.
- 05/03 at EPSC Pumas. 2-2 draw.
- 05/10 v. Sockers FC. 7-1 loss.
- 05/17 v. ELA. 4-0 win.
- 05/31 at Palatine Celtic. 2-1 win.
- 06/07 v. Heat United. 3-1 win.



Green White Grün (GU13)

Coach Marek Radziszewski; Assts. Moretti & Van Fleet

The Green White Grün team finished the spring season tied for 4th place on 11 points from a record of 3-3-2 (WLD), scoring 11 goals for while giving up 13. The team recorded the following results on the season:

- 04/11 v. Schaumburg SAA-SCU. 2-1 win.
- 04/12 at Cary Defenders. 2-2 draw.
- 04/26 at Stars. 1-0 loss.
- 05/03 v. Heat United. 2-1 win.
- 05/10 v. SBW Warriors. 4-0 loss.
- 05/17 at Alithsa Arsenal. 3-3 draw.
- 06/06 v. CL Force. 2-0 win.
- 06/07 at Schaumburg SAA-SCU. 1-0 loss.



Green White Weiss (GU13)

Coach Kelsey Carmichael; Asst. William Sharp



GROVE UNITED TOURNAMENT.

OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, ALL GREEN WHITE YOUTH TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE GROVE UNITED MEMORIAL DAY SHOOT-OUT PRESENTED BY QUAKER OATS. THE WEEKEND GAMES WERE INTERRUPTED BY RAINS, BUT IT STILL PROVED TO BE A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT FOR THE CLUB OVERALL. OF NOTE, IN THE BU09 WHITE DIVISION, GREEN WHITE U09 GRÜN FINISHED SECOND IN GROUP WITH A 2-1 RECORD, BESTING STARS SC 4-3 AND MCHENRY VIPERS 5-1. THE ONLY BLEMISH ON THEIR RECORD WAS A LOSS TO EVENTUAL CHAMPIONS CFJ CITY. IN THE BU12 RED DIVISION, GREEN WHITE U12 GRÜN RAN THE TABLE ON ALL COMPETITION, SWEEPING THROUGH GROUP PLAY WITH WINS OVER AYSO EXTRA (4-1), CL FORCE (3-2) AND FC-1 ACADEMY (3-1). IN THE FINALS, GREEN WHITE FACED ALSO UNDEFEATED TEAM EVANSTON. IT WAS A TIGHT BATTLE, BUT GREEN WHITE CAME OUT WITH A NARROW 1-0 VICTORY AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP. IN THE GIRL'S U13 NATIONAL DIVISION, THE GREEN WHITE U13 GRÜN TEAM STARTED SLOW OUT OF THE GATE WITH A 1-1 DRAW AGAINST CELTIC FC, BUT FOLLOWED THAT UP WITH A 4-1 VICTORY OVER PORTAGE SC TO MAKE THE MONDAY FINAL WHERE THEY BLANKED EURO SC 2-1 TO CLAIM THE TOURNAMENT CROWN. IN THE GIRL'S U14 WORLD CUP DIVISION, GREEN WHITE GRÜN FINISHED SECOND IN GROUP FOLLOWING A 2-0 VICTORY OVER JOGA BONITO AND A NARROW 3-2 LOSS TO EVENTUAL CHAMPION TEAM EVANSTON. IN THE CONSOLATION FINAL, GREEN WHITE BESTED LAKEVILLE LEGACY 3-0 TO TAKE THIRD-PLACE. DESPITE THE RAIN, IT WAS A FUN WEEKEND FOR ALL.





The Green White Weiss team finished the spring season in 7th place with 8 points from a record of 2-4-2 (WLD), scoring 11 goals for while allowing 16. The team recorded the following results on the season:


- 04/12 at Elite SC. 1-0 win.
- 04/18 v. LFSA. 3-0 loss.
- 04/19 v. LASC Stars. 2-0 win.
- 04/26 at Schwaben. 3-3 win.
- 05/23 v. HUSC Lady Hawks. 1-0 loss.
- 05/30 at Lions SC. 3-1 loss.
- 05/31 v. Libertyville. 2-2 draw.
- 06/07 at LASC Stars. 4-2 loss.




BRAKES? WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' BRAKES!


FALL 2014 GIRLS RECREATIONAL LEAGUE.


Registration for the spring Recreational Leagues is now closed. There are over a hundred girls registered from Kindergarten through 8th grade ready for the season to start. Look for team schedules at www.greenwhitesoccer.org.

 **WINGS BARABOO TOURNAMENT.** August 8-9, Baraboo, WI. If the interest is there, we will enter a First Team, O30, and O40. A nice camping weekend in beautiful Baraboo!


UPCOMING ADULT TOURNAMENTS.


 **SCHWABEN TOURNAMENT.** July 11-12, Buffalo Grove, IL. We will enter teams in the Open, O30, and O40 division. Fiercely competitive, but always lots of fun - especially when we win!

 **STEFAN ZIMMER TOURNAMENT.** August 1-2, Mt. Prospect, IL. This is OUR tournament. Weather made a soupy mess of things last year, but this will be our 33rd tournament. It is a very proud tradition for the club. We need everyone's full cooperation and participation. (Open, 30s, and 40s).

 **LAS VEGAS KING CUP.** January 15-18, 2016, Las Vegas, NV. It may be a long way off, but the O40s will be making their return as tournament champs. Although this is very preliminary, in addition to taking an O40 team, if there is interest, there could also be consideration of taking an O35 and/or an O48 squad. We would use guest players as needed to help round out the squads.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS & NOTES.

 **CLUB ELECTIONS.** The youth board elections were held in June. The following people were elected to the Green White Youth Board: **Mike Folkers** – President; **Rick Kaempfer** – Secretary; **Steve Samuelson** – Treasurer; **Mario Valentini** - IWSL Representative; **David Viers** - YSSL Representative; **Rick Kaempfer** - Communications.

 **I'M 60, AND I LIKE TO KICK!** In 2016, Green White will be celebrating our 60th anniversary as a soccer club with a series of events and tributes.

The first tribute will come this Christmas season. The book "60 Years of Green White Soccer Club" (written by **Rick Kaempfer** and **Todd "Fritz" Schneider**) will go on sale as a fundraiser for the club. Look for more details as the book approaches publication date.



IT'S FRITZ SCHNEIDER, 2949 METERS ABOVE HIS COMFORT ZONE ATOP THE ZUGSPITZ IN AUSTRIA

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(And by the way, if you've been reading the history Rick has been writing the past four years and thought to yourself, "I really should send him these photos or trinkets", realize that your time is running out to have it included in the book. His e-mail address is amishrick@yahoo.com).




The US National Donauschwaben Tournament will also be held in Chicago in 2016. Green White has been participating in this event since 1975 and is looking forward to welcoming similar clubs from places like Milwaukee, Akron, Philadelphia, Mansfield, Cleveland, Detroit and more. Your attendance at that tournament (held over Memorial Day weekend) would be greatly appreciated.





But the biggest event of our anniversary year will be our 60th Anniversary Gala. People from all 60 years of Green White history will be in attendance, and we want to make it a truly special night. We're in the process right now of putting together a committee to help us plan it. We'd really like representatives from all the different generations of the club to get involved so that we can accurately represent and honor everyone. If you're willing to help out, please contact club president **Cindy Kaempfer** (cindykaempfer@greenwhitesoccer.org).




 **WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GW HISTORY ARTICLES?** For the past couple of years the GW Newsletter has featured a fan-favorite monthly article from **Rick Kaempfer** about GW History. He started with the inception of the club in 1956 and work forward each month to the present. The last article left off with the mid-90s, but Rick continues to collect, catalog and write about the club's history - he's just saving it for the book coming out in time for Christmas. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Green White.



 **WANNA CONTRIBUTE?** Would you like to see more stories or photos about Green White in the next Green White Newsletter or on Facebook? Feel free to send us ideas, articles and/or pictures. Game summaries, feature articles, player profiles, Where in the World? and even Separated at Birth candidates are always welcome. Contact us at AToddSchneider@gmail.com.

 **GOLF OUTING.** Time to get your foursome together. The Green White golf outing is Sunday, July 19th at White Pines. \$75 gets you a cart and lunch at the turn. Prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin have already been won by me. Contact **Jamie Limna** at Jamie.Limna@gmail.com asap.

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AFTER 26 YEAR ABSENCE, GW BACK IN GERMANY



After literally years of planning, it finally came together. It had been 26 years since a Green White team played abroad, but in the summer of 2015, that finally changed. This group's journey started back in 2009, when a group of eight year old little girls started their soccer careers with Green White. They started out at the bottom, in the lowest division possible in northern Illinois. Since that time, they've grown, in both stature and skill. They have trained hard, without deterrence, through sweltering heat, torrential rain, freezing snow and blowing sands. In the last six years, the now GU14 Green White Team has won over 150 games; scored well over 300 goals and rank among the elite teams in Illinois in their age group. And now, these talented ladies have experienced Germany, Bavaria to be specific, with a tour of the romantic countryside, taking on local talent and soaking up the culture in one of the most soccer passionate countries in the world.

The tour started on June 14th, the day after the Green White Picnic. Departing from O'Hare International, the team had a quick touchdown in Zurich before reaching their ultimate destination in Nuremberg. The girls and their families set up camp in the tiny village of Weinberg and used that as their launching point for excursions to Rothenburg o.d.T and Heidelberg. After a series of games against SV Weinberg and TSG Hoffenheim 1899, the group moved their home base to Treuchtlingen. From there they played a match against TSV Crailsheim and visited the historic cities of Nuremberg, Weltenburg and Munich.



The experience created life-long memories for the girls and their families. Through the Green White International Experience Program, the club hopes to attract teams from over seas to come to Chicago for similar soccer and cultural exchanges in the future and the club is already planning the next Germany trip for 2017. Below is a summary of the GU14 games in Germany.



2:1 The first match of the Green White 2015 Germany campaign was against SV Weinberg's U15 squad. Located between Rothenburg o.d.T. and Heidelberg, Weinberg is a small town of about 900 people, 750 of whom are devoted club members. Despite the relatively small size of the club (*at least for these parts*), their facilities were top notch and far surpassed anything we see in the states. The welcoming clubhouse, comforting locker rooms and multiple pitches of immaculate greens made the Americans feel as though they'd been dropped into a little piece of soccer heaven.



But then there was this business of a game. There was a mixture of excitement, nerves and jet lag as the Americans took the field a little more than 24 hours after arriving in northern Bavaria. All pomp and circumstances were afforded by the hosts as the young teenagers marched onto the field; "Heart of Courage" announcing the walk-in with mascots in tow. Green White donned green kits with a white accent. Weinberg sported the Baden-Württemberg state colors, black and yellow. The respective national anthems followed by handshakes and the exchange of pennants gave the encounter the feel of a full international friendly. Said Team Manager **Mike Folkers**, "I was fine until the national anthem. Once I heard the music and saw the girls out there, it hit me. I got all choked up. I said to myself, we are really here and this is happening. It was awesome."



As the game got underway, SV Weinberg's older girls had the run of play over the visiting and seemingly jet-lagged U14 Americans. Weinberg looked smooth on the ball and worked it about with intricate exchanges.



Green White Co-Captain, **Tina Suto**, observed, "We were nervous at first, but we settled in soon enough. I was surprised not to hear much talk from them. They obviously have been playing together for a while and know each other well. Their skill level was pretty much the same as we have been playing back home. They did not press as much, but were more technical than we are used to." Indeed, it took about 10 minutes for the visitors to shake off the cob-webs and were lucky to find themselves still level thanks to the woodwork. The Green White midfield made up of **Katie Skoog, Tina Suto, Kristin Schneider, Ashley Welk,**

Lexi Treliving and **Ashley Adams**, started pressing the defense and creating opportunities on the other end. Ultimately, Weinberg grabbed the opener at the 20 minute mark, and kept Green White off the board going into the intermission.

At the break, the teams filed into the nicely appointed locker rooms for instructions and adjustments. Despite being down a goal, Green White was buoyed by their rising confidence and coach **Adam Howarth** reinforced that message. Once the game resumed, Green White soon found the equalizer. **Ashley Welk** had the honor of netting the first Green White goal in Europe in more than 25 years. And it was a beauty of a strike at that. Played in by **Lauryn Schneider** on the right side, **Welk** took a touch and blasted from 5 yards beyond the box to find the far side netting on the fly. Asked about taking a shot from so far out, **Welk** recalled, "I set it up with a touch and even though it was far out – I knew it was well within my range. I am just excited to be here and when we scored, I realized we can compete with teams anywhere." Echoing her sentiments, Co-Captain **Lauryn Schneider** offered, "We caught them off-guard with that goal. Even though they were older than us, I felt like we were evenly matched." Green White also had chances to grab the lead, most notably, **Lauryn Schneider** had one effort she'd like back and **Welk** made another run at goal that was thwarted by a brave and hard-charging keeper. In the end, Weinberg hit for a second and the game ended 2-1.



Welk recalled, "I set it up with a touch and even though it was far out – I knew it was well within my range. I am just excited to be here and when we scored, I realized we can compete with teams anywhere." Echoing her sentiments, Co-Captain **Lauryn Schneider** offered, "We caught them off-guard with that goal. Even though they were older than us, I felt like we were evenly matched." Green White also had chances to grab the lead, most notably, **Lauryn Schneider** had one effort she'd like back and **Welk** made another run at goal that was thwarted by a brave and hard-charging keeper. In the end, Weinberg hit for a second and the game ended 2-1.



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In the second game of the tour, Green White faced a much different club in TSG 1899 Hoffenheim. Unlike tiny SV Weinburg, Hoffenheim boasts a bountiful youth academy that draws from a much wider base, as well as senior clubs (men and women) that play in the top Bundesliga in Germany. The mannschaft teams play in the state of the art Wirsol-Rhein-Neckar-Arena, which Green White toured before the match. Last season, the Hoffenheim men finished 8th in the league, just 2 points shy of qualifying for the Europa League; while the women ended up in the middle of the pack. The Hoffenheim U14 team against whom Green White faced, draws most of their players from within a 50 km radius, but several of them drive from as far as 100 km three times a week for games and practices. This particular Hoffenheim squad was so



good, they competed in a boy's league against players of the same age for additional competition. On hand for the game were many of the Hoffenheim parents and their welcoming hospitality got the afternoon off to a terrific start.

As for the game itself, like the first match, Green White started slow. It was probably to be expected given this was the team's second game in two days and



in addition to touring Wirsol Arena earlier in the day, the girls spent several hours wandering the sunny streets and castle ruins of Heidelberg. An early thump of the cross-bar; however, served as a wake-up and Green



White started to kick it into gear.

After a scoreless first half, Green White ultimately found the winner early in the second. **Ashley Welk** swung a corner kick into a congested box that found the feet of **Tina Suto**. Her effort was blocked, but the rebound fell to **Allie Ferraro** at the six. **Ferraro** shook her defender as she broke to the ball and with nothing between her and pay dirt, stuffed it into the net. Said **Ferraro** of her first goal *ever* in a Green White uniform, “That would have been really embarrassing if I had missed it.” Thereafter, a stifling Green

White defense, including **Maddie Roppel**, **Alexa Mitka**, **Sarah Magnoni**, **McKenna Kopeny** and **Marissa Valentini**, stood tall and did not allow a shot in the second half, protecting keeper **Mackenzie Folkers** in the process, who bravely played through an obviously painful right foot injury. As the game wore on, GW began to stretch the defense and had two promising break-a-ways down the right side. The first effort saw **Ashley Welk** played through, but her effort was pushed just inches beyond the far post. Minutes later, the lightning quick **Lexi Treliving** created her own magic, embarking on a solo run from inside the Green White end that saw her breeze past defenders as if they were running in sand. As she closed in on goal, **Treiving** elected to go near-post, but her shot was also agonizingly wide. In the end, Green White made the one goal stand up to secure the victory.



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On Day 3 of the trip, the weather finally gave in and Mother Nature dropped a little water on the ground. The light morning rain made for a refreshing team jog, but just before the late afternoon kick-off, it really started to come down. There were concerns about the game being cancelled, but on the stroke of game time, the clouds parted and it was game on.

For this match, Green White was back at beautiful SV Weinberg to play the Weinberg U13 squad. The game started with both teams trading possession, but it was apparent from the outset that the Americans were playing a group of younger girls this time around. Shortly into the match, Green White opened the scoring from their own end line off a soaring goal kick from **Alexa Mitka** that was eventually slotted to **Ashley Welk** who deftly split the defense to find a streaking **Ashley Adams**. From there, **Adams** took it upon herself, netting to put Green White up 1-0. Four minutes later, **Welk** saw a shot of her own deflect to **Adams** to collect her brace from the six. But before Green White could finish celebrating, Weinberg hit back to make a game of it at 2-1. Unfortunately, before the end of the half, Green White suffered the first casualty of the trip when **Mackenzie Folkers** finally succumbed to the foot injury she had been carrying since the day before. *(Here’s a health hint to all you kids out there – when a certain Green White reporter/photographer suggests you and your team-mates jump off a fountain in Rothenburg for a “fun photo” – don’t do it – you might hurt your foot and make that reporter/*



photographer feel much guilt and shame.) Said Coach **Adam Howarth** of the incident that saw the team lose their first line keeper, “Not the finest hour on the trip!!” With **Folkers** out, **Sarah Magnoni** took her spot be-



tween the pipes and the match entered the break 2-1 in favor of Green White.

In the second half, **Isabelle Suto** relieved **Magnoni** in net and a fired up Green White began to show their offensive prowess through their forward line that included **Lauryn Schneider**, **Ashley Welk**, **Ashley Adams**



and **Lexi Treliving**. Moments after the restart it was another **Welk** shot that deflected to **Adams**, and she made no doubt about the hat-trick. Thereafter, **Lauryn Schneider** had a nice shot tipped onto the cross bar and this time **Welk** pounced on the rebound, giving Green White a 4-1 lead. **Welk** then picked up her brace to make it 5-1. As the game neared its conclusion, **Sarah Magnoni** playing up front instead of her normal station on the back line, showed some fancy footwork as she weaved through the defense to cap off the scoring for a final of 6-1. The game ended with smiles and handshakes and some sadness from the Green

White players knowing this was their last game at SV Weinberg.

After the game, Weinberg president **Wolfgang Scheidacher** gave a heartfelt speech thanking everyone who worked so hard to put these games together, including **Adam Wambach**, **Adam Howarth** and **Cindy Kaempfer**. He then presented the club with a flag, SV Weinberg key-chains for the players and hats for the coaches and helpers. Green White thanked the hosts for the great hospitality and presented Weinberg a signed jersey and other Chicago related gifts. The girls then socialized with their new found German friends over a delicious schnitzel dinner and promises of a reciprocal trip in the near future.



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As the bus pulled into Crailsheim for the final match of the Green White 2015 Germany Tour, the team was in awe of the large stadium with "C-R-A-I-L-S-H-E-I-M" spelled out in the seat-backs of the stadium. This was the venue of their final match. The team prepared in the decorated locker room with pictures of the Crailsheim woman's team over the years. Once warm-ups were completed, the girls lined up with the Crailsheim team and walked out to the theme song from Pirates of the Caribbean.

As the game got underway, it was evident this would be the toughest team encountered by the Americans on the week. Crailsheim immediately put pressure on the Green White back line and the advanced midfielders created shape issues for Green White. Before long, Crailsheim grabbed the opener.

But this did not deter Green White and they nearly grabbed the equalizer with a chance from **Ashley Adams** that sailed just high. Moments later, **Maddie Roppel** also saw a decent effort miss the target. As it was, Crailsheim poured in two more before the intermission to make it 3-0 at the break.



Following some half-time defensive adjustments from coach **Adam Howarth**, the second half started much better than the first for the visitors. **Kristen Schneider** played a nicely weighted through ball to **Ashley Adams** in full gallop, who slotted the ball to cut the deficit to 3-1. The second half continued to be all Green White and they could have squared the match, but for the woodwork. First, **Lexi Treliving** had her shot meet that unwanted clang, followed by the same for **Ashley Welk**. The game ended 3-1.



After the game, Crailsheim hosted a wonderful pasta dinner in their amazing clubhouse. The food was awesome but the Green White girls were more interested in talking to the German players and making friends



(which – here’s a secret – that’s what the whole trip is really about. Shhh.). Soon after dinner, the girls all got up and exclaimed that they were going outside to teach the Crailsheim girls how to play one of their favorite games, “world cup.” The night was cut short as the bus had to depart at 10 but not before the girls all wanted pictures with their new German friends.

But the trip wasn’t all about soccer. In fact, soccer was just the vehicle used to create the cultural experience and life-long memories for the girls and their families. It was about meeting new friends, experiencing unique foods, discovering different cultures and visiting historical places. And to be sure, there was a lot of that. There were sight seeing excursions to the historic cities of Rothenburg o.d.T., Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Munich and elsewhere. The team toured the Bundesliga stadiums of TSG Hoffenheim 1899 (Wirsol Arena) and Bayern Munich (Allianz Arena), practicing their post-game comments in the interview rooms and relaxing in the plush field-side team seats. There was a visit to the Olympic Park in Munich and the BMW World for the motor heads in the crowd. The group took a tranquil cruise down the Danube (*btw – its not blue*) to the Weltenburg Monastery (*which is now a brewery*); sped down hills on summer toboggans; took in lots of beautiful Bavarian countryside; and of course, laughed and smiled and giggled through it all.



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This most recent trip to Germany was not the first for Green White. In fact, in 1967 a then young Grün Weiss S.C. made the first of now 6 club trips across the big pond. The picture below from 1967 shows the Grün Weiss delegation at the Frankfurt Airport in front of the women's lavatory.



1989



1970



2015



1967



1976



1987



The 1967 tour of Germany saw the club also visit Berlin, Langen, Osterode, Berching and other cities, beating top clubs like Gross Viechtach (8-3), Osterode im Harz (3-1), F.B. Berching (8-0) and Crailsheim (5-3). The only blemish on the team's record was a 1-1 tie against Reutlingen, in which keeper Steve Strumberger had an outstanding game to preserve the tie. The team's leading scorers on the campaign were 17 year old Rudi Mayer, George Kaempf and Harry Palmer. Three years after the 1967 trip, the club organized

and sent a U14 team to train at the German National Sports School in Tailfingen, Germany just south of Stuttgart. The picture above shows the team with longtime club President, Martin Schneider and legendary German National Team Coach, Sepp Herberger. The 1970 trip was so successful that in 1976 Green White sent over the U19 team with the likes of J. Filian, E. Speth, F. Speth, R. Meschbach, G. Mayer and R. Schneider to train at the same facility. In 1987, Alex Gyurko and Horst Melcher ambitiously took the U16 and U19 teams through tours of Salzburg and Munich; while playing teams in Kaufbeuren, St. Georgen, Herrenberg, Dingolfingen, Füssen and Linz, Austria. The picture above shows both teams at the BMW plant in Dingolfing. The U19 team came away with an impressive 5 wins and 1 tie. In 1989, Steve Pastorelli took a U14 team to Hannover, Schaumburg, Dusseldorf and Rinteln, playing clubs in each city and retuning with a record of 3-1. The team also took in a match between Hannover 96 and Monchengladbach. Now, with the establishment of the Green White International Experience Program (IEP), the question is - Where in the world will your Green White team go?

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