

Eintracht Frankfurt wins ebm-papst Indoor Championships for the second time

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Mulfingen,

The young football players of Eintracht Frankfurt won the ebm-papst Indoor Championships for the second time on Saturday. A very young team conquered Rot-Weiß Erfurt in the final with 3:2.

At the close, ebm-papst Press Spokesperson Hauke Hannig gave a positive assessment, "We have experienced thrilling matches and teams in best form, and both regional representatives, TSV Crailsheim and FSV Hollenbach, impressed the spectators with a fantastic performance."

FSV Hollenbach and TSV Crailsheim started with fury. They also had the advantage of being completely underestimated - as every year - by the Bundesliga teams.

SV Werder Bremen fell to TSV Crailsheim with 1:2 and Eintracht Braunschweig even lost against FSV Hollenbach in a shutout, 0:3. Crailsheim, which plays in the Hohenlohe Bezirksliga, defied both FSV Mainz 05, second in the South/Southwest Bundesliga after the preliminary round, and Eintracht Frankfurt with a tie. Some five Crailsheim goals in this phase went to the credit of Arthur Reiswich, who switched from VfB Stuttgart to TSV Crailsheim, where he also plays in the Oberliga club. In the end, despite his premature exit, Reischwich was top scorer along with Philip Klement (1. FC Kaiserslautern) with six goals in the tournament.

Crailsheim lost to Greuther Fürth with an unfortunate 2:3. Only Rot-Weiß Erfurt had to surrender to TSV with a clear 2:5. With that, Crailsheim achieved eight points. Never before had a team from the region been so successful in the ebm-papst Indoor Championships. They lacked only the necessary ounce of luck to make it into the quarterfinal.

But the A-Juniors of FSV Hollenbach playing in the regional "Verbandsliga" clubs were also able to keep up well with the Bundesliga clubs. The best from Hollenbach was Pascal Sohm, who scored two of the three goals during the opening match against Braunschweig, which had to head for home without any points. Hollenbach was in a flush of victory after the 3:2 victory over Borussia Mönchengladbach. For Mönchengladbach, which has several youth internationals in its ranks, this defeat was the beginning of the end. Just like the Karlsruhe sports club, Mönchengladbach had an outstanding start. The farther into the tournament these two clubs got, however, the more hits they took. Even FSV Mainz 05, which was counted among the favourites, didn't make it into the quarterfinal.

Eintracht Frankfurt won the first quarterfinal match against Kaiserslautern with 2:1; the second match, Erfurt against last year's winner Rot-Weiß Ahlen, ended with the same result. The "Lauterer" (Kaiserslautern) won the match for third place with 4:1.

And then came the exciting final. Unlike most other clubs, Eintracht Frankfurt did not have its U 19 starting, but its powerful U 17, which is one of the best clubs in this age class in Germany. This team dominated the final against Rot-Weiß Erfurt and gained the lead three times. Erfurt managed to even the score twice, but in the end, the other team came through with better technique and conditioning.

Philipp Kühn from Rot-Weiß Ahlen was chosen as the best goalie of the tournament, Mark Langner from Rot-Weiß Erfurt as the best player.

In addition to the thrilling matches, the visitors also enjoyed a fascinating supporting program with the SV Mulfingen jazz dancers, Poppin Hood, the world champion in electric boogie, and the TSG Hofherrenweiler sport acrobats.

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