



## Hallenmasters 2011: Two days of football enthusiasm

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**Borussia Mönchengladbach and FSV Hollenbach are the winners of the ebm-papst Hallenmasters Tournaments 2011.**

The ebm-papst Hallenmasters took place at the weekend in the Gerhard-Sturm-Halle in Mulfingen for the ninth time. On Saturday, Borussia Mönchengladbach won the tournament for the A Bundesliga teams. After being 0:2 down, the team of Trainer Horst Steffen then came back to beat TSG Hoffenheim 3:2. Rot-Weiss Ahlen beat Bochum in the third-place play-off.

The regional representatives put on an impressive performance. For the first time an amateur team, TSV Crailsheim, qualified for the quarter-finals. TSV surprised the spectators with this achievement: "During the winter break, we have strengthened our squad with five new players", Coach Robert Birghan revealed the secret of the team's success. In addition, the A-Juniors of FSV Hollenbach managed to hold Werder Bremen and Karlsruher SC to a draw. In contrast, the twice tournament winner Eintracht Frankfurt surprisingly failed in the preliminary round.

The tournament of the best amateur teams in the region was won by Oberliga team FSV Hollenbach. Manfred Stephan's team beat Sportfreunde Schwäbisch Hall 3:1 in the final. On Sunday, FV Lauda won the third-place play-off. The special feature of this day of the tournament: Together with over 1000 spectators, five players each with five goals were able to celebrate as top goal-scorers.

At the prize-giving ceremony, the tournament managers thanked the "main actors" for "two days of excellent football", and drew a very positive conclusion to the event. Gerhard Sturm, Chairman of the Advisory Board at ebm-papst, who established the Hallenmasters tournament, was convinced: "The Hallenmasters has made a significant contribution to the development of youth football in the region." Sturm praised the 200 voluntary assistants and organisers from ebm-papst, SV Mulfingen and JAKO for the successful preparation and perfect organisation of the competitions.

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