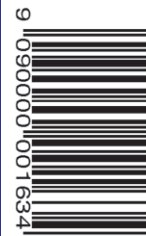




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BRITISH BULLDOGS

Youth rugby club from Bielefeld get set to invade the UK on 4-day trip

A YOUTH rugby team from Bielefeld are getting ready to embark on an exciting whirlwind trip to the UK, as part of an educational and enjoyable team building exercise.

The Bielefeld Bulldogs Rugby Football Club has maintained the organisation of an annual event since its origin.

Last year this saw them organise the first and only BFG Rugby TAG tournament to date, attracting most BFG youth teams.

This year they decided they would go one better and take the children on a whistle-stop tour to the UK, where they will participate in training sessions, a friendly, museum tours and even catch a game at the Army Rugby Union stadium in Aldershot.

Along with coaches from the club, 18 children will depart from Rochdale Barracks in Bielefeld on Sunday, November 25 and travel to Birmingham in the UK by air, before arriving at their accommodation at the Cotswold centre.

EXCITEMENT

After an evening settling in, the children will have to get their heads down in preparation for two days full of excitement.

Monday will see the group embark on a morning training session, followed by a brief respite in the form of a cinema trip before they join local side Chippenham RFC for a training session and friendly.

The following day the children, aged between five and 14-years travel to the home of England Rugby – Twickenham stadium in London.

by Clare Jackson

While there they will embark on a Rugby Museum tour, which will include a chance for a photograph, before making their way to another stadium - this time it's the turn of the Army Rugby Union stadium in Aldershot.

While at the ground, not only will there be a chance for them to see one of the venues for ARU fixtures, they will also be in the crowd to see the England Women's XV take on the New Zealand Women's XV in an international fixture.

INTERNATIONAL

For many of the team, who are more used to running around and scoring tries on the pitches at Catterick Barracks in Bielefeld, it will be the first time they have seen a live rugby match, none the less an international.

During the match they will have the opportunity to see top players such as Katy McLean, Claire Purdy and Amy Turner.

A final night at the Cotswold centre will no doubt see many unable to sleep due to the excitement of the past few days, but I'm sure the return flight to Hannover may see a few catch a sneaky nap on the flight – probably most of the adults!

On their return, the children will continue with their training regime before their well-deserved Christmas break.

In the new year they hope to arrange more friendlies with other BFG-based junior rugby clubs from Paderborn and Hohn Garrison and possibly one day host a UK-based team in Germany.

● For more information on the Bielefeld Bulldogs contact WO2 Gary Walker on 0521 9254 3448 or Mil 94 881 3448.



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