

dark red Asia



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FOCUS TOPIC

SEASON OPENING & PREPARATION 2024/2025





Dear Fanclub Members & Friends,

What a season it was! Clinching “Vizemeisterschaft” on the last match day, the most beautiful football played in years by our “Boys from Cannstatt”, fantastic goals, great team spirit, and now “Nach all der Sch..... geht’s auf die Reise!”, Champions League is calling!

But, after the season is before the season. So the focus topic of this maiden edition of “dark red Asia” is the season opening & preparation 2024/2025. Of course some highlights of the last season are not to be missed out either plus some internal stuff.

Before Champions League duty will keep us awake in the middle of the night in Asia later this year, the team prepares for the new season in Japan (!). Read more about this trip in this issue of “dark red Asia”.

And, shortly after the team prepared in the Far East an important event will take place a little bit less in the East. On Sunday, 04.08.24 our Fanclub jersey (see front page) will finally find a place to be displayed, in Cafe Sax in Munich that is. Mark your calendars for our Season Opening 2024/2025!

In this issue you will also find some updates on bowling (Yes!!! Bundesliga Bowling is back!!!), Fanclub merchandise as well as on the making of the annual “Jahresabschlussvideo”. So, I hope you will find the time and enjoy reading the news about the Fanclub and I am looking forward to your feedback via WhatsApp, Email or over a beer somewhere in Asia or elsewhere.

With white-red regards

Hartmut

President

Singapore, May 2024

P.S.: Why a magazine? Why now? Well, why not? I hope to streamline communications to you, get a wider reach of relevant topics across and, hopefully, also more of you joining in watching the games. Watching CL at 3am in the morning all by myself will be very tough and very very lonely!

New Fanclub Merchandise 2024/2025



<p>Mouse Pad</p> <p>S\$ 22.00</p>		<p>Mug white</p> <p>Mug red</p> <p>S\$ 22.00 per Mug</p>	
<p>Stubby Holder white</p> <p>Stubby Holder red</p> <p>Stubby Holder black</p> <p>S\$ 18.00 per Stubby Holder</p>		<p>Ball Pen</p> <p>S\$ 07.11</p>	

All items available personalized with your name and/or membership number. Please contact vfb.sg@outlook.sg or WhatsApp +65 9848 6195 to arrange. All prices excluding shipping!

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VfB Stuttgart off to Japan

As part of the third edition of the official 'Bundesliga Japan Tour', VfB will be heading to Japan from 26 July to 1 August, where they will have a wide range of activities including two friendly matches.

For the first time since 1996, VfB Stuttgart are returning to Japan for part of their pre-season. From 26 July – 1 August, VfB will be involved in the third edition of the official 'Bundesliga Japan Tour', which will take head coach Sebastian Hoeneß and his squad to Kyoto and Hiroshima. As part of the trip, VfB will play two friendlies, against Kyoto Sanga FC (on 28 July) and Sanfrece Hiroshima (1 August), which will be co-hosted by the Bundesliga's Japanese TV broadcaster, SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation (SPTV).

VfB will also train at those locations, with some sessions open to the public as a way of introducing themselves to Japanese fans, as well as taking part in a wide-ranging programme in conjunction with the Bundesliga and VfB partners. The focus of this will be on fan, media, cultural and CSR activities. The VfB squad in Japan will be accompanied by former legends of the club, most notably honorary captain Guido Buchwald, who spent six years of his career in Japan as a player, coach and sporting director.'

Source: © Official website of VfB Stuttgart

More information on: <https://www.vfb.de/en/vfb/latest/news/professionals/2324/vfb-japan-tour-2024/>

Of course as an Asian Fanclub we should show our presence on this trip. So:

Anybody interested to travel to Japan, please contact the Fanclub via Email at vfb.sg@outlook.sg or WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. We will bring you in touch with other interested Fanclub Members and Friends as well as the "Fanbeauftragte" so you can plan your activities together! RSVP latest by 30.06.2024.



Guido Buchwald in Singapore

Season Opening @Cafe Sax, Munich

For years we have been looking for a place to display our Fanclub jersey. Having been framed by Kathrin nearly 10 years ago we approached Brotzeit, Stuttgart Blackforest Boutique S-Cafe, German Centre Singapore to allow us to display it, but to no avail. Finally, we looked into the next closest option, 12,000km away but still by distance the nearest VfB-Fantreff from Asia.

When? Sunday, 4.8.2024, 7pm
Where? Cafe Sax, Hans-Sachs-Straße 5, 80469 München, Germany

Anybody interested to join the season opening please contact the Fanclub via Email vfb.sg@outlook.sg or via WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. RSVP latest by 10.07.2024.

On Sunday, 4.8.2024 we will handover the jersey to Wolfi at Cafe Sax and we are looking forward to many of you participating. Plan a weekend trip to the city of the "Tabellendritten", visit the "Allianz-Arena" in which hopefully next season we are going to play ... ok, CL-Finale next year may be a touch too much optimistic for now, or go hiking in the Bavarian Alps. Bring family and friends, the more the merrier!!!



Fanclub members @Cafe Sax watching the 3-0 victory against Hoffenheim on 16.03.24

Fanclub Merchandise 2024/2025



Jersey white



S\$ 35.00

Polo black



S\$ 50.00

Mandarin collar red



S\$ 55.00

Basecap



S\$ 25.00

Minimum order quantities may have to be reached. All prices excluding shipping!

We want you!



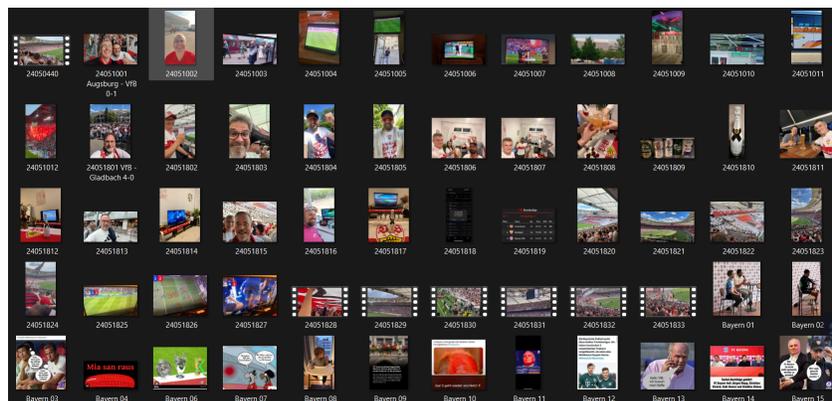
WE WANT YOU!

The Fanclub's season reviews, the "Jahresabschlussvideos", are in one word: legendary, and in more words: CL-able all along. But, how does it work, that sometimes in August every year there is a review of 6 - 8 minutes available on the Fanclub's Youtube-channel, on the web page and on Facebook? It has been the result of meticulous planning throughout the season and concentrated efforts with a little professional help. But, one after another:

- 1) Throughout the season we collect photos, videos and other ideas to be put into the video. So, for the 2023/2024 season over 750 items are waiting to be processed. Not only are the items sorted by match day or by theme, no they also provide crucial game information to make the preparation of the video more efficient.
- 2) A professional browser-based software, Kizoa Movie Editor, was available to make the video preparation a breeze. With the editor, picture and video collages were combined with music and overlays. Unfortunately, Kizoa shut down and an alternative will need to be chosen.

Admittedly, in the last few years it was sometimes a drag, making a video showing lost game after lost game, but for 2023/2024 this should be fun! And, this is where you come in:

We are looking for somebody to prepare the season 2023/2024 "Jahresabschlussvideo". Your creative ideas are in high demand! You will be provided with the raw files, but the outcome is entirely up to you! Interested? If yes, please contact the Fanclub via Email at vfb.sg@outlook.sg or WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. RSVP latest by 10.06.2024.



Excerpt from the raw files available for the "Jahresabschlussvideo"

Fanclub Merchandise 2024/2025



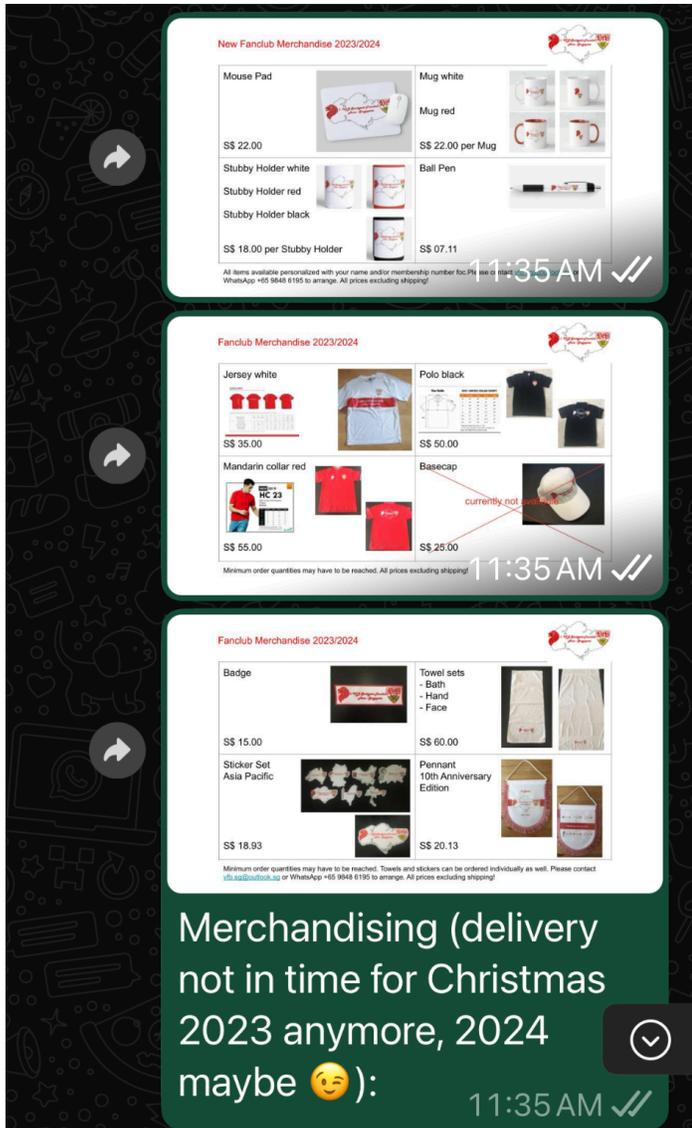
<p>Badge</p>		<p>Towel sets - Bath - Hand - Face</p>	
<p>S\$ 15.00</p>	<p>S\$ 60.00</p>	<p>Sticker Set Asia Pacific</p>	
<p>S\$ 18.93</p>		<p>Pennant 10th Anniversary Edition</p>	
<p>Minimum order quantities may have to be reached. Towels and stickers can be ordered individually as well. Please contact vfb.sg@outlook.sg or WhatsApp +65 9848 6195 to arrange. All prices excluding shipping!</p>			

Seriously?

Anybody remembering this WhatsApp message from 21.12.2023?

Well, the response was lacklustre to say the least with only 3 respondents including myself (thank you Sven & Andy!) ordering 6 white jerseys, each 1 black polo and 1 red honeycomb shirt plus 1 sticker set. As we have minimum order quantities, e.g. white jerseys 10, black and red shirts combined 15, stickers 25 each, the orders have not been processed, yet. Also, it is quite a hassle to get the orders going, so this only makes sense, when we have sufficient quantities. So, let's give it another try:

Please contact the Fanclub to get access to the electronic order form or return below order form to Email vfb.sg@outlook.sg or to WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. RSVP latest by 10.08.2024.



FANCLUB MERCHANDISE

Name	Total	Mouse Pad	Mug white	Mug red	Stubby white	Stubby red	Stubby black	Ball pen
		\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$7.11
	\$0.00							

Jersey white		Polo black		Honeycomb red	
\$35.00	Size	\$45.00	Size	\$50.00	Size
0		0		0	
	4XS				
	3XS				
	XXS				
	XS		XS		XS
	S		S		S
	M		M		M
	L		L		L
	XL		XL		XL
	XXL		XXL		XXL
	3XL		3XL		3XL
			5XL		

Basecap	Badge	Towel set	Sticker set	Pennant	Membership No.	Gold member	Email
\$25.00	\$15.00	\$55.00	\$18.93	\$20.13			
						No	

Bundesliga Bowling is back!

Read more about it: <https://www.vfbasia.com/post/surprise-winner-at-bundesliga-bowling-in-singapore-meisterschaft>

Next events are planned:

There are still up to 3 open spaces. So sign up now:



Bundesliga Season 2023/24 (in BOWLING in Singapore)

Match Days:

- 1. -Cancelled "Trainingslager"
- 2. - 17.02.2024, Saturday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "Meisterschaft"
- 3. - 01.06.2024, Saturday 3.00pm – 6.00pm "DFB - Pokal"

Place: Westwood Bowl @ Civil Service Club Bukit Batok, 91 Bukit Batok West Avenue 2, (S) 659206

All dates tentative! Registration will open about 4 weeks prior to the Match Day.

Match Day 2 we could watch Bundesliga at 10.30pm (subject to confirmation).

Please make sure we have your up-to-date email and HP-number for any last minute notifications!

<p>Teams: 4 teams with 2 - 4 players each. We will try to keep the teams the same throughout the season as much as we can.</p> <p>Transfer windows: In between the match days all players are eligible to transfer to another team.</p> <p>Seeding procedure: Ranking in "Trainingslager" will determine seeding for "Meisterschaft".</p> <p>Estimated cost: \$40 - \$60 per player (kids under 12 half price). Bumper lanes available (TBC). Basic Introduction Course Free-of-Charge!</p>	<p>"Trainingslager": Ranking of teams based on average score per team. 4 games per player.</p> <p>"Meisterschaft": 1 group of 4 teams followed by a 1-stage knock-out competition. 4 games per player.</p> <p>"DFB-Pokal": 1 game for ranking purposes followed by a 3-stage CL-style knock-out competition. 4 games per player.</p>
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2024/25 Champions League Bowling is planned for Meisterschaft (November), DFB-Pokal (February) and CL-Finale (May). Details to follow.

Upcoming events!

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|-------------------------|---|
| 14.06.2024 - 14.07.2024 | UEFA EURO 2024 (joint watching of some games, if anybody is interested) |
| 04.08.2024, 7pm | Season Opening 2024/2025, Cafe Sax, Munich (see article above) |
| 23.-25.08.2024 | 1. Match Day Bundesliga Season 2024/2025 |
| 24. or 25.08.2024 | Fanclub AGM (Details TBA, planned to watch the VfB game afterwards) |
| 17.-19.09.2024 | 1. Match Day Champions League 2024/2025 |

Jubilees

10 Years Joined Season 2013/2014

24 Daniel P. | **25** Ingo J. | **26** Hans-Peter L. | **27** Kai M. | **28** Sven B. | **29** Reiner H.. | **30** Daniel D. | **31** Mathias vB. | **32** Jan R. | **33** Soeren P. | **34** Marcus H. | **35** Sachsa S. | **38** Denis K. | **39** Roberto B. | **40** Francesco DB. | **41** Nico R. | **42** Lars C. | **43** Peter L. | **44** Kerstin DB. | **45** Ute R. | **46** Christian H. | **47** Thorsten G.

5 Years Joined Season 2018/2019

140 Naomi R. | **141** Dominique H. | **142** Robert T. | **143** Alexander M. | **144** Stefan W. | **145** Nick N. | **146** Albrecht W.

Highlights 2023/24



Pictures chosen randomly. For full coverage please refer to upcoming "Jahresabschlussvideo" or Fanclub Facebook page.