

Day 5

We started our day off bright and early, as usual, with a traditional German breakfast which consisted of a variety of fruits, breads, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausages. After a more than satisfying, filling breakfast, we went out to the local training field of Meisbach to go through a walkthrough for our game this afternoon against FC Ingolstadt. Our practice was very light, we did some dynamic stretching to loosen up our muscles and we just ran through the formation and set-plays another time. It was a good refresher for everyone from yesterday's practice. After an hours long rest, we got on the bus to head to the city of Ingolstadt which is approximately thirty minutes north of Munich. While in Ingolstadt we visited the Audi Headquarters and we were fortunate enough to receive a tour of Audi's history. Everyone was in awe of the amount of cars we saw and their high quality craftsmanship. After the Audi forum it was the time we have all been waiting for, our first German international game. We went to the training grounds of FC Ingolstadt and we came to learn that the senior team had currently won the 3rd division German Bundesliga and was being promoted to the 2nd division. In other words, playing against their U-18 youth team should be a difficult task. The game was very fast and we had to do some adjusting in the beginning of the game and unfortunately, FC Ingolstadt scored the first goal off of a free-kick but shortly after-wards we broke away and Alfredo Rodriguez took a long range shot and scored in the lower right corner. The first half ended and everyone knew that we had a very good chance of winning this game. We controlled the game throughout the second-half and we had many opportunities to score, however the game ended with the score of 1-1. We were satisfied with our result but we knew that we deserved the win. After a very extraneous game, we went to a local restaurant in Ingolstadt and were served pasta which was outstanding. The day ended with a 1 ½ hour drive back to our hotel. Everyone is going to get a good night's rest tonight.

Auf Wiedersehen.
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