

# OKTOBERFEST SEVENS



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### 39th Oktoberfest Sevens Rugby Tournament powered by München RFC

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Winners:

Men's Cup - Schusterhäusl, Germering, Germany

Women's Cup - Delta Drone TUKS Women 7s - University of Pretoria, South Africa

Men's Plate - Royal University Medical School, London

Players of the Tournament:

Ladies - Nadine Roos, TUKS

Men - Peter Morris, München RFC

After months of intensive preparations, September 30th 2017 saw the 39th edition of the international Oktoberfest Sevens rugby tournament in Munich. This year's tournament was in many ways different to previous years. For the first time, the DHL Oktoberfest 7s was held in the Olympiastadion with 16 national teams; also, a German university tournament was held after some years interval under the name of „ADH Open“. The traditional Oktoberfest Sevens hosted by München RFC was branded as „Oktoberfest Sevens Classic“. Altogether three tournaments in one week-end in the Olympiastadion and the adjacent central university sports ground of the TU Munich (ZHS); a big week-end of rugby! In spite of some short-notice cancellations, this one-day classic could yet again field a broad variety of teams.

The ladies started with ten teams in three groups. Delta Drone TUKS Women 7s from the university of Pretoria had their very first appearance in Munich, a side peppered with Springbok players that was to play up to its reputation. In addition to representatives from Hungary (Tarnok Rugby Club) and France (Ecole Centrale de Lille), a team from Norway (HAGL Rugbyklubb) and a number of German teams (Bataillon d'Amour, Darmstadt, Hochspeyer, Würzburg) as well as the local ladies teams of Stusta and the host München RFC completed the roster.

The men were represented by a total of 18 teams in five groups. We were happy to see the return of our old friends of the Royal University Medical School from London. The US forces were represented by the NATO Lions from Naples, British forces were fielded by the 2 Field Company and the Queens Royal Hussars. Further international representatives included the Ecole Centrale de Lille (France), Rugby LIUC 7s (Italy), the Liechtenstein Rugby Union and Rugby Leoben (Austria). German rugby culture was further represented by the Cruisers from the Cologne area, the Hanover Unicorns, and another select side from the Bataillon d'Amour, Würzburg, Ulm and Memmingen, plus teams from the Munich area: Schusterhäusl from Germering, Stusta and hosts München RFC.

On Saturday, September 30th, 2017, the big day finally started: the preliminary round kicked off punctually at 09:15h on four pitches simultaneously. The group phases were made up of five men's and three women's groups, and a total of 36 games was played until the 13:00h bell.

After the lunch break, the knock-out competitions with women's cup, men's plate and men's cup were kicked off. In the ladies competition, Delta Drone TUKS Women 7s were playing up to the high expectations, winning the final in the Olympiastadion in front of a big audience against HAGL Rugby Norway with 62:0. TUKS thus set a new record by winning all of its games of this day without conceding a single point!

In the men's plate, Royal University Medical School re-claimed their right to a „plate subscription“ by winning against ARC Leoben 40:10.

In the cup competition, the Schusterhäusl select side were entering the big circus of the Olympiastadion with over 15,000 spectators against hosts München RFC (having played a thrilling semi-final including over-time against Bataillon d'Amour - 15:10); a high-class match saw Schusterhäusl taking the cup with them - 26:19.

At the presentations of awards, not only the winners and finalists were nominated, but also the women's and men's player of the tournament, traditionally elected by the tournament referees, who again ensured the high playing standard of this competition. The women's player of the tournament was Nadine Roos of Delta Drone TUKS Women 7s, and the men's player of the tournament was Peter Morris of hosts München RFC.

A special credit goes to our partners of the Oktoberfest 7s GmbH, our friends of Stusta Rugby (being the official hosts of the ADH Open), our partners and all staff of the ZHS, our catering partners, the ambulance service and our sponsors, and last but not least the many helpers of the MRFC, who particularly in the weeks leading to the tournament were ready to take out anything to make this event a great success.

München RFC is looking forward to the 40th edition of the Oktoberfest Sevens in 2018!