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Koehler Fun Soccer Tournament Celebrates 30th Anniversary

- **15 Koehler Teams Take Part**
- **Anniversary Event with Family Activities**
- **“It’s the Taking Part That Counts”—an Olympic Frame of Mind**

Oberkirch, 7/10/2024— The Koehler fun soccer tournament celebrated its 30th year with 15 teams from various departments stepping up to compete with their colleagues and test their sporting mettle. The tournament is as popular as ever and generates a great deal of excitement in the weeks leading up to it.

Kai Furler, CEO of the Koehler Group, and organizer Stephan Schütz, Head of Facility Management at the Koehler Group, welcomed all teams along with their friends, families, and colleagues who came to support them. “I feel right at home here at the Oberkirch Sports Club grounds; this was where I scored my first goals. It’s wonderful to see how many teams have come together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the tournament. What’s particularly fantastic is that all our colleagues remained injury-free through to the last game,” enthused Kai Furler. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to the Oberkirch Sports Club for allowing the tournament to be held on its grounds and for providing referees as well as refreshments.

Anniversary Tournament Together with Family Festival

This year, to mark the 30th anniversary of the Koehler fun soccer tournament, a host of activities were organized alongside for families to take part in. Even little ones could test their skills with a ball in the Koehler Arena, and there was also free ice-cream, a water display by the Koehler company fire brigade, and a bounce house which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The 30th tournament was a great success with all players finishing injury-free. Participants then came together for the prize-giving ceremony where each team was called up in turn to accept wine and other gifts as a thank you for taking part. There were plenty of group photos taken too, as always, providing a nice memento of the day. The winning team “Fällt aus” from the supply chain management department at the Oberkirch site took to the winner's podium to raise the trophy and celebrate their win. Then came the real highlight: To mark the occasion of this year's European soccer championship, three original European Championship soccer balls were raffled off to the teams. The tournament was nicely rounded off in the evening with a party in the marquee, with DJ Ketchup and Günter Gempler providing the musical entertainment.

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Figure: The winning team of this year's anniversary tournament, "Fällt aus" Source: Koehler Group

About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 67% in 2022, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.3 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, Koehler is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments "paper" and "renewable energy".

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