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talents across the pond



From North America to Berlin: For the third time, a group of talented young footballers will have the opportunity to develop their skills as part of the cooperation between our capital city club and the International Soccer Academy ♂ . For the 22 boys from the USA and Canada, it will be nine months and six days a week: training, playing, getting better! "We are delighted to welcome these talented boys to Hertha BSC as part of our cooperation with the International Soccer Academy," says our deputy academy director Sasan Gouhari, highlighting the benefit for both sides: "The boys can show what they can do here. They also have the chance to learn a lot in terms of content and enjoy the same training philosophy that our academy teams enjoy!"

Competent coaching team and regular competition

The U18 team is coached by head coach Patrick Weiser, his assistant Jens Härtel, Michael Scavuzzo, who acts as both assistant coach and team manager, and performance coach Francis Kioyo. "Last year we had 15 players who subsequently signed contracts in Europe. That is a great success and a number that we want to maintain," says Weiser. Assistant Scavuzzo adds: "We focus on teaching leadership qualities, mental strength and team spirit. That is what should make the boys stand out - on and off the pitch." A training camp and regular weekly test matches against teams from RB Leipzig, SV Babelsberg 03 or Halleschen FC help to further deepen the content.



Learning by watching: Visiting the pros' home games

In addition to their football work, the boys also learn German regularly and attend U19 and U23 matches, and of course the home games of our Old Lady's professionals. "We've already seen great results from our program in previous seasons. We want these boys to not only improve their skills on the field, but to leave the program with a deeper understanding of the world. We want them to be ready to take the next steps in their careers," explains co-founder Diane Scavuzzo. "We're excited to be able to offer the boys even more opportunities this year. We spent months scouting at MLS, MLS Next, ECNL and other football events, working to find the most talented players who dream of playing football in Europe," explains co-founder Eddie Loewen.

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