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TSG 1899 Hoffenheim defeats strong Mizoram XI 11,000 fanatic fans welcome Germans at the Lammual Stadium

TSG 1899 Hoffenheim defeated a Mizoram XI 3-0 at the Lammual Stadium on Tuesday evening. The German side is in the country as part of a one-week long India Tour organised by Switzerland-based Adamant Sports Management AG AG with the support of Presenting Partners – the German Bundesliga and IT-major SAP.

The German Bundesliga side took an early lead when Frenchman Anthoy Modeste put a well-timed through ball past Mizoram goalkeeper Lalawmpuia just three minutes into the game.

Mizoram led by its Indian internationals Jeje Lalpekhlua, Larindika Ralte and experienced Shlyo Malsawmtluanga settled into the game despite conceding an early goal. David Lalrinmuana tested Hoffenheim keeper Jens Grahl with a long-ranger, while India striker Jeje Lalpekhlua had another attempt on target in front of a fanatic record crowd of approximately 11,000 fans.

But Hoffenheim increased their lead in the 29th minute through Eugen Polanski. The Poland international put a powerful shot past the keeper to make it 2-0.

The Germans could have scored a few more goals against a competitive Mizoram side, but Modeste, Bruno Nazario and Roberto Firmino were denied by goalkeeper Lalawmpuia.

Hoffenheim went into the half-time break with a 2-0 lead, while Mizoram proved to be a strong opponent.

Hoffenheim found the back of the net again four minutes into the second half, when Jiloan Hamad shot from the edge of the area found its way past Lalawmpuia.

Mizoram continued with their spirited performance against the Germans who finished at ninth position in the just concluded 2013-14 Bundesliga season.

But the hosts were denied a much deserving goal in a memorable encounter at football-crazy Aizawl. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim won the match 3-0.

Football fans addicted to social media will be able to follow and to be part of the football extravaganza on the various platforms with the use of the official hashtag #1899INDIA.

STARTING XI's

MIZORAM XI

44 Lalawmpuia; 4 Zothanpuia, 19 Robert Lalthlamuana, 24 K. Lalrinzuala, 39 Lalruatthara; 8 David Lalrinmuana, 11 H. Lamuankima, 20 Lalrindika Ralte [C], 22 V. Laltanpuia, 28 Shylo Malsawmtluanga; 10 Jeje Lalpekhlu

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13 Jens Grahl; 2 Andreas Beck [C], 19 David Abraham, 29 Jannik Vestergaard, 36 Jeremy Toljan, 33 Robin Szarka; 8 Eugen Polanski, 10 Roberto Firmino, 11 Jilouan Hamad, 22 Bruno Nazario; 27 Anthony Modeste

About TSG 1899 Hoffenheim

TSG 1899 Hoffenheim is a Bundesliga club based in Hoffenheim, a suburb of Sinsheim, in the south-western German state of Baden-Württemberg. The club was founded on July 1, 1899 as a gymnastics club named TV Sinsheim with 20 members, while a football section was established between 1921 and 1923. The club decided to merge the gymnastics and football sections after the end of the Second World War in 1945 under its new name TSG 1899 Hoffenheim.

The football club played in the Kreisliga A, the 9th Division in German football, when it experienced a boost in the 1989-90 season with SAP co-founder Dietmar Hopp deciding to support the club. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim witnessed a steady progress over the years and pushed to professional football with its promotion to the 2nd Division after the 2006-07 season. The club gained promotion to the 1st Division Bundesliga in its debut season itself and has been a regular part of the top tier of German football since the 2008-09 season.

About Adamant Sports Management AG

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