

Coach Manfred Mandel can already rely on 17 players / Even youth team seems feasible

Volleyball Renaissance at TSV St. Magnus

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Mit Begeisterung dabei: Marizela Kukic (vorne), Christine Bostelmann, Maria Strauch, Sara Düsterhöft, Helena Bostelmann, Jana von Lübken, Alexandra Lazar, Lena Kronemeyer, Alexandra Bobenhausen und Pia Schlenker. (frei)

Currently only two Volleyball Ladies Teams from the region are registered to play - the VG Schwanewede Meyenburg and the SV Grün-Weiß Beckedorf. From the north of Bremen is now also joining the women's team of TSV St. Magnus, coached by Manfred Mandel. Since September last year, the TSV no longer had enough point games.

The development in North Bremen grieved the longtime coach Mandel: "Unfortunately, here in the North, there is not much happening. The biggest volleyball clubs of long ago are almost no longer present. It's a real pity." He also sees, like most volleyball players in Bremen-Nord, that the problem is the lack of young players: "In volleyball now, as always, we need new players. Especially active players must want to train within a team. Because without a coach, no new teams can be built. "

Mandel believes that the basis should be set in schools. That Mandel could build up a team again in St. Magnus, was pure coincidence for him. He benefited primarily from the work of many dedicated members of TSV. In addition, there were club-less players who wanted to participate in competitions again, and found TSV. Mandel, who already has experience with school and University students, can meanwhile rely on 17 players. "Mostly it took care of itself. Players who I had known from before, have brought others. And this is how, now, a team emerges to again in St. Magnus."

Ladies from Vegesack and Lemwerder, among which, very beginners of 14 to 30 years old, play now in his team - another common task for Mandel. For the 63-year-old this is really not a problem: "On one hand, I have my longtime assistant coach Sebastian Blume again by my side - so then we can also split a little each training session. And

on the other hand, we get help from the experienced players as well. They have no problem with beginners - on the contrary." And generally, the coach is happy to welcome new players. Ultimately, a second team would also be launched.

Since there are already many young players in the team, a junior team can be envisioned. Mandel: "Especially for the young beginners, playing regularly against another team would be a good practice. Since there are not many other teams in the North, our young players could thus gain more experience in playing against another women's team."

For Mandel, communicating with the players and the communication among players themselves is decisively important. Only in this way can a team grow together and learn the play-system introduced by the coach. Especially, through the experience of some women, namely Christine Bostelmann and Sara Düsterhöft, two physiotherapists who are also board, "one can weld together a team" (Mandel).

For the experienced coach, who already has 15 years of working experience in St. Magnus, gathering girls was the easy part: "As a coach, I have to develop the team and the players further. However, some things must also come from them. They must show the willingness for improvement. And this willingness is present." For Manfred Mandel success is secondary in the upcoming playing season, as long as a team arises and he sees that the team improves. For this, the former coach of the Lemwerder TV says that practice games are important. Only this way could the beginners understand the sport. In addition to friendly matches against a Uni-Mixed team, Schwanewede Meyenburg, TuSG Ritterhude, there is also an upcoming game against Beckedorf on the agenda.

