

KIT Footballers Win 2011 University Bowl

Karlsruhe Engineers Win American Football Tournament over HSU Snipers from Hamburg and Mannheim Knights



Jubilating: The Karlsruhe Engineers successfully defended their title as German University Champion at the 2011 University Bowl. (Photo: Henning Feller)

Pouring rain, fierce competitors – conditions of the 2011 University Bowl in American Football at the KIT University Stadium were anything but ideal. And still, the Karlsruhe Engineers, the hosts of the two-days' tournament, successfully passed the weekend: For the third time in succession, the KIT team won the Open American Football tournament of the German General University Sports Association (adh). Hence, they continue to be the German university champion in American Football.

“As the host of the tournament, our team is highly pleased to keep the trophy. But the way to this success was hard work,” tells the team member Sebastian Fünfgeld. Most players of the Karlsruhe Engineers have already gathered experience in the second German football league in this season by playing in the team of the Baden Greifs.

“Teams that have been promoted to the second league are facing harder conditions: Usually, they have to accept many defeats. But

Monika Landgraf
Press Officer

Kaiserstraße 12
76131 Karlsruhe, Germany
Phone: +49 721 608-47414
Fax: +49 721 608-43658

**For further information, please
contact:**

Saskia Kutscheidt
Public Relations and Marketing
Phone: +49 721 608 - 48120
Fax: +49 721 608 - 43658
E-mail: Saskia.Kutscheidt@kit.edu

this experience turned out to be an advantage at the University Bowl,” says Fünfgeld. In the first game, the Engineers won 35:6 over Hamburg. Also in the following game against the Mannheim Knights, the Karlsruhe Engineers convinced with a high variety of passes and runs. The Engineers won 28:7.

On the second day in pouring rain, the players again competed against the HSU Snipers from Hamburg. Under these difficult conditions, the guests from North Germany had significant problems to move the ball, while the experienced offensive of the Karlsruhe team was hardly impressed by the weather. At halftime, the result was 28:0 for the Karlsruhe team. Then, the Hamburg team stopped the game due to the weather. After this, the Karlsruhe team played against Mannheim for a last time and won by 14:0.

The Karlsruhe Engineers have won the adh Open American Football for the third time in succession. This year, the University Bowl took place for the 22nd time.

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. KIT focuses on a knowledge triangle that links the tasks of research, teaching, and innovation.

This press release is available on the internet at www.kit.edu.

The photo of printing quality may be downloaded under www.kit.edu or requested by mail to presse@kit.edu or phone +49 721 608-47414. The photo may be used in the context mentioned above exclusively.