**End-of-season event in Rwanda: Support for project of FC St. Pauli handball team a complete success**

* **Main sponsor MEYLE supported the “We’ll Never Play Alone“ project of the FC St. Pauli handball players**
* **Workshops, friendly games and visits to schools in cooperation with the partner club in Kigali, Rwanda**
* **Hamburg manufacturer MEYLE will continue to support the first women’s and men’s handball teams of FC St. Pauli as major sponsor in the coming season**

**Hamburg, 21. September 2017. "We'll Never Play Alone" – this was the motto for the trip of FC St. Pauli’s men’s first handball team to Rwanda in August. Supported by MEYLE, Hamburg manufacturer of automotive spare parts, the players were able to visit their partner club, Gorillas Handball Club, in Kigali for the first time. The aim of this cooperation between the clubs is to support and promote handball and cultural exchange.**

Enjoying sport together, learning about foreign cultures, reducing fears and misconceptions: The handball players of the Hamburg ’Oberliga‘ team and the Gorillas Handball Club from Rwanda can look back on ten intensive project days. The Hamburg team travelled 6,466 kilometres to the heart of the African continent. The program in Kigali included a workshop with training sessions, instruction classes for trainers and friendly games, as well as visits to schools. 25 men and women trainers from Rwanda took part and were instructed in theoretical and practical skills concerning training plans. “We are very pleased to be able to contribute as main sponsor to this magnificent initiative which brings different cultures together via sport”, said André Sobottka, Director of Sales, Marketing and Communications at MEYLE.

MEYLE has been the main sponsor of FC St. Pauli’s first women’s and men’s teams since 2016. In addition to a considerable donation, MEYLE also supported the team

in implementing the project by organizing transport of handball equipment to Rwanda. A local MEYLE customer ensured the team was mobile during their stay. The team returned from the east African country two weeks later with a range of positive experiences and impressions. “We will never forget the people there and the work they do. Rwanda is a great country in which we hope handball will play an important role. The Gorillas Handball Club does exceptional work and provides local children and young people with a meaningful and enjoyable activity”, explained team captain Arne Dohren. “It would be a dream come true if a team from Kigali can visit us and take part in our St. Pauli Cup.”

The handball season 2017/2018 started on 16. September 2017 with the Hamburg team’s first home match. MEYLE will continue to support FC St. Pauli’s first women’s and men’s teams in the coming season as main sponsor.

You can find further information about the project and about FC St. Pauli handball on the [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/meyle.parts/?fref=ts) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/meyle_parts/) account of MEYLE as well as on the [Blog](https://wewillneverplayalone.tumblr.com/) of the handball team.

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**About the company**

Under its MEYLE brand, MEYLE AG manufactures and markets a wide range of premium-grade passenger car, van and commercial vehicle spare parts for the independent aftermarket. The MEYLE brand's product lines are **MEYLE-ORIGINAL, MEYLE-HD and MEYLE-PD.**

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* **MEYLE-ORIGINAL: True to OE. – This product line includes around 20,000 top-class parts.**
* **MEYLE-PD: Advanced design and technology. –** This product line features around 2,000 technically refined brake discs and pads distinguished by their enhanced braking performance and cutting-edge coating technology.
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