



New MAN team bus for BVB

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Kehl v. Hofmann – who's a better bus driver?

Dortmund will continue to travel with MAN – a 480-horsepower MAN team bus in the form of a Lion's Coach L is the newest arrival at BVB. The vehicle was handed over to captain Sebastian Kehl, who took delivery of the Lion's Coach on behalf of the entire team at the BVB training ground.

Superior materials and a wide range of special fittings inside the coach leave nothing to be desired. Comfortable leather seats with adjustable leg rests, a multimedia system, a satellite system, Wi-Fi reception and other amenities ensure pleasant traveling and speedy relaxation. The bus has been well received: "We've already had nothing but the best experience with MAN in the case of our last three vehicles, which is why we're looking forward to enjoying both the new bus and our extensive partnership with this traditional German company. After all, the last team bus accompanied us to the Cup, the double and the Champions League final. Hopefully, we can celebrate equally great success with the new model," says BVB Chairman Joachim Watzke.

During the bus handover, a very unusual contest took place between Sebastian Kehl and Jonas Hofmann, with both the old and new MAN team buses playing a key role. The two football stars competed with each other in three different disciplines. Before they started, MAN and Borussia Dortmund jointly called on the fans to vote on which of the two contestants would probably perform better. The decision was finally made in the course of the handover.

Sebastian Kehl selected the new bus and Jonas Hofmann boarded the existing vehicle. Driving skills and good judgment in maneuvering the three-axle coaches into a parking space were called for. They both mastered these exercises perfectly. The third challenge was, however, to lead to a decision. The task was to create the best fan tune using the horn. In this case, Sebastian Kehl had a clear advantage in the new team bus, since this is equipped with a unique special feature – a horn that plays the BVB song "Heja-BVB". At this point, the youngster, Jonas Hofmann, had to ungrudgingly admit that Kehl, as the experienced player, definitely had the edge in the new bus. Sebastian Kehl was highly enthusiastic about the

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duel: "It really was a lot of fun. It's not every day that you drive a bus like that. It was certainly a great experience."

Fans can decide on the winner online at www.MANschafterbus.de. MAN will be holding a draw among all those participating in the voting, with football shirts autographed by the professional BVB players and tickets for one of the next matches waiting to be won.

YouTube-Link to the duel: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xblm5b38Dq8>

You can find film footage here:

http://www.viscompark.com/download/BVB_Roughcut.mp4

Photo captions:

MAN-BVB-1.jpg: From left to right - Andre Langner (Manager, MAN Center Essen, Service Oberhausen), Thorsten Hess (Sales Office, MAN Center Oberhausen), Sebastian Kehl (Captain of Borussia Dortmund), Arash Peters (Bus Sales, MAN Center Oberhausen)

MAN-BVB-2.jpg: Sebastian Kehl at the wheel with Christian Schulz (BVB team bus driver)

MAN-BVB-3.jpg: The new MAN-team bus