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WORTHY CAUSE

RBL's John Cull Tournament proves hard to win for 7 Regt LAD



● Bielefeld Sparkasse - this year's proud winner of the John Cull Royal British Legion Trophy

A DAY of football for a worthy cause, saw British Forces teams take on German teams of all ages at the annual John Cull Royal British Legion Six a Side Football tournament.

Sixteen teams, divided into two leagues, went toe to toe for ten minutes on the astroturf football pitches in Caterick Barracks, Bielefeld.

The athletic abilities of the players were accented by the sportsmanship showcased throughout the day.

Douglas Lindsay, chairman of the RBL Bielefeld branch said: "Basically we are trying to keep it a fun day. Yes it is a competition, but hey guys, we all have to go back to work Monday, so let's make it fun. "It's a multi-

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national tournament, just like the membership of The Royal British Legion."

According to Douglas the tournament started about 10 years ago. He continued: "We tried to get a competition going between five individual RBL branches in Germany."

SUPPORT

"Retired soldier John Cull said that he would sponsor the main trophy, which comes back every year and the competition has just built up from there every year.

"This year the wild, wet and windy weather made the pitch slippery, but spirits of those playing were not dampened."

Cpl Ian Belcher, 7 Regt LAD entered his team because he wanted to be part of the fund-raising efforts for RBL.



● Cpl Rees and Lance Cpl Lowden from 7 Regt C Team, talking to Michael Dikob, Armenia Bielefeld football team's doctor

Ian said: "We just wanted to help raise funds for the British Legion. It's a good cause. They are one of the main supporters of the troops, especially when they come back from tour, if they are injured and what not. So we

wanted to give back in any way we can."

Overall all teams played with heart, but it was the Bielefeld Sparkasse team that took the John Cull Trophy home, beating 7 Regt RLC 'B' Team for the title.