Some additional background info supplied by Rooster

On 6th August 2002, I arrived in Germany and set about starting a footy team... on 31st August, I had a team with borrowed jumpers and on a borrowed ground staged a 3 way tournament with Frankfurt & Berlin.

The original team was the Dusseldorf Lions, and we hosted the 2002 & 2003 Rhein Cups + formed the nucleus (90%) of the first ever German National team to take on Spain & England in the 2003 CEAFL Championships in Madrid. We also hosted the 2004 CEAFL Championships in Dusseldorf. CEAFL is a thing that me and a bloke in Madrid put together back in 2003. Finland is the current back to back champions.

In 2003, I played in the German league with Munich, and on realising that it is OK to tour with only 10 or so guys... I entered Dusseldorf into the AFLG season for 2004, finishing 2nd on the ladder of 5, but losing the prelim final for the right to take on Munich.

In 2006, the guys changed their name to the Rheinland Lions, since most players were from down there, and the bloke who provided all the beers at his house after training (me) had left Dusseldorf.

They made the grand final in 2006 as well (against Munich), but they were overtaken by a goal in the dying minutes

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