



Rapids Oktoberfest – The food and drink garden was set up outside the Cantina, a German band performed and the **Denver Kickers Schuhplattler Dance group (youth and adult)** added the entertainment with traditional Bavarian dances for the guests arriving at for the Rapids game.

Tyler Rock, Nicole Day, Zane Ortiz and Raquel Arabalo, all Kickers soccer players, are members of the dance group. Immediately following their performance, the entire youth dance group with their parents went to meet the soccer group for the pre-game activities.



Meanwhile 22 Kickers soccer players gathered at the stadium gate awaiting their chance to go in the locker room and prepare for their escort of the players on the field and player introductions. At the same time Kickers youth soccer players of all ages and their families gathered at the same gate awaiting their entrance to the game to carry the American flag and Rapids tee-shirt on to the field.

Standing at the top level of the stadium, it was a wonderful site to see the flag and shirt being carried onto the field by many Kickers dancers, Kickers soccer players and Kickers families wearing Kickers uniforms and shirts. Then the players entered the field and there were plenty of smiles going around as Kickers players walked on the field with both teams.



Half time was just as impressive when Kickers Black and White and Red went out on the field to play small sided soccer and show off their skills. The adult dance group performed one dance on the opposite side of the field in celebration of Oktoberfest.

As I walked back to my seat after half time taking in how the entire evening unfolded, I was greeted by many soccer players who told me how great the dance group looked up on the big screen performing. A German speaking soccer family from a neighboring club greeted me and introduced her family and spoke to me in German. And finally many of the Kickers old timers and founding members and board members also commented how great it was to see such a large group of Kickers soccer players and the Kickers dancers all down on the field at half time.

This truly was a Kickers-Rapids Oktoberfest

There are so many behind the scenes things that took place that I can not mention them all nor can I put all the names of those that made it happen as I am bound to forget someone. So as an entire

Kickers family coming together to put on a great show, do something special for the young people, showing support for the Denver Kickers and of course supporting soccer and the Colorado Rapids, I thank you all for being there and doing your part to make the event such a success! This was a great fundraiser for the youth soccer program so let the Kickers & Rapids Oktoberfest Tradition continue.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

On October 18 at the Kickers is the annual Halloween dance starting at 7pm. We are confirming that Gotta Sing – Gotta Dance Zombie dancers will be there with another new dance to go with their popular “Thriller” dance. They have volunteered to work in the haunted garage, so we need a few volunteers to put the haunted garage together! Call Steve – 303-467-2773.

FIELD – take care of your fields! Help us keep the practice and game fields clean of trash. THANKS.

Saturday October 25 HOME games

Bratwurst will be served

Kickers White U9 (Boys) 9:45 am

Kickers Black U9 (Boys) 11:00 am

Kickers Green U10 (Boys) 12:15 pm

Kickers U12 Option I (Boys) 2:00 pm

Kickers U11 (Boys) 3:30 noon

Kickers Field Officials – October 25 –

9:45 am U9 – **Reece Classen, Nik Capello, AJ Classen**

11:00 am U9 – **Bradley Day, Nik Capello, AJ Classen**

12:15 pm U10 – **Bradley Day, Nik Capello, AJ Classen**

2:00 pm U11G – sign up for play the whistle

3:30 pm U11B – sign up for play the whistle

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COMING SOON

Spring Fund Raiser –

“Team corner” which will talk about what is in store for your team or age group next season.