Sexism – what’s that anyway?

Football is a male reserve. That’s said quite often, but what does it really mean? After all, at least a quarter of the public in the ground is female and women’s football is on the rise. But still football is dominated by a culture praising so called „male“ ideals of hardness, honour and fighting and devaluing what is perceived as female, soft and weak. That might affect goalkeeper Tim Wiese wearing a pink jersey or women players who are allegedly unable to excel in the „hard male sport“.

More about F_in?
Yes! Take a look here:
www.f-in.org – only in German
www.facebook.com/frauenimfussball

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Sexism in football – that’s stupid remarks as well as physical attacks, the clinging to outdated stereotypes and very often simply the ignorance of women’s presence in the stadiums.

Sexism?
What’s that gotta do with football?

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F_in stands for the link between women and football: for women’s roll in the football world – on the stands, on the field and in society. F_in is an international network of female fans, social workers in fan-projects, female researchers and journalists and is open to all interested women. It was founded in 2004 during the workshop „Offside?“ on the situation of female football fans held by the German coordination centre for fan projects (KOS).

Our aims:

- to highlight the presence of women and girls in football
- to raise awareness on and struggle against sexism in football
- to function as a network and link for women from different areas of the football world
- to document sexist incidents in football and likewise actions of fan groups against sexist discrimination

What F_in does

We observe closely and speak up: On our website www.f-in.org we criticise, praise and document what happens.

- We do exchange news and expand our contacts.
- We organize workshops – new faces are very welcome!
- We do stadium actions, e.g. at the FARE action week.
- We do write books – oh, well one book, so far.
- We print great t-shirts and stickers, rather in black than pink.
- We take part in discussions, events and conferences on football.
- We make exhibitions: Together with BAFF and others F_in members worked on the new edition of „Crime scene stadium. Football and discrimination“.

Sexism sucks!

In the last years sexism has become more and more of a debated issue in the fan scenes. Ultra groups in Darmstadt, Düsseldorf, Jena or Munich take a stand against sexist abuse in the stadium and even marketing concepts relying on stupid gender clichés are criticised, for example the fans’ initiative „Stop pink!“ in Frankfurt is protesting against the pink fan merchandise of Eintracht Frankfurt.

For many women and girls football is an integral part of their lives, they are setting up fan clubs, are parts of the Ultras scene, write fanzines, campaign against repression and commercialisation or are „simply“ fans. Just like the lads, although it is not taken for granted that easily. Therefore it’s even more important not to regards sexism as a „women’s problem“, but fight against it together.