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Victory gainst Germany is great result for Netherlands rugby. Are you feel, that your national team can be favorit of this group ?

Hein Kriek : We still have 3 tuff games to go, and the game vs Switzerland is an away game for us. We are in a good position but still a very long way to go. We obviously want to promote to the championship but there is also the play offs, its a very long road ahead.

When you start working for Netherlands rugby union and on which position ? Did you change somethink pricipal on the organisation in Nederlands rugby ?

H. K. : I am the Technical Director and started beginning of September. The union was/is in a very good state and I am trying to align all the different segments (clubs/academies/national teams) so we all work in the same direction. We have an extremely capable coaching staff that does great work with a great team.

All players of national team play in Nederland or you have some players which play in other european countries ? How does team work, trainings every week or only some days before match ?

H. K. : We have 4 players in the team that plays aboard. We have weekend camps when there is no local competition and also train in the week leading up to the game. The nucleus of the team had also been together for 2-3 years mixed with some talented young new players. We also work with a squad of 36 players at all sessions.

Do you have special groups of players for rugby 7s ? Any special program for rugby 7s ?

H. K. : We do not participate in 7's in 2020. Player pool to small to run both programmes.

How many rugby academies have in Netherland ? How does works, which players are focused forexample age ?

H. K. : 6 academies and one national talent centre. Academies from 12-17 and NTC from 17-23. In process of starting senior academies.

These 6 academies are organised by clubs ?

H. K. : The six academies are indipendently owned and run, under the guidance and supervision of Rugby Nederland who gives them the status of academy. They are not linked to any clubs are regional academies. The NTC is run by Rugby Nederland and is the best talent the academies has to offer every year. This forms part of the player pathway that we have that you can see on our webiste.

Academies and NTC are for boys and girls or girls are organised by different way ?

H. K. : Both academies and NTC are open to boys and girls. In parralel with this we run 6 RDD (Rugby development Days) per season that includes Positional masterclasses and international guest that runs a workshop for our coaches on those weekends. There is no competition on these weekends and everybody is free to join. We also on these weekends use this as an oppportunity to play u16,u17 and u18 games between the players after the workshops to select our u16, u17 and u18. National squads, that consists of 45-65 players per age group.