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Way to win

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Berlin's fourth straight victory of the 2004 NFL Europe season showed that Rick Lantz's team have found another way to win in Europe.

After dominating against the Scottish Claymores in a 21-10 week one scoreline, overcoming a first half offensive meltdown in week two's 28-17 win over the Admirals, and coming out on top 35-31 in a shootout against the Berlin Thunder in week three, the Thunder showed in week four that they could come from behind to seize victory with their 14-10 week four triumph.

"It was a hard fought victory and I am very proud of my boys," said Lantz after watching his team rally from 10-0. "We had some problems offensively at the start but this time the defense stepped up and made plays. The team never lost faith in themselves even though we were behind at the half."

Once again New England Patriots quarterback Rohan Davey proved to be the catalyst for the win, leading the Thunder offense on two scoring drives in the fourth quarter. The game winning touchdown, a 4-yard run by Eric McCoo, was possible only when Davey completed a 45-yard pass to Chicago Bears allocated receiver Aaron Boone on 3rd-and-25.

"It was a hope play, but he has been completing those kinds of passes," Lantz admitted. "It was set up so that he could throw the ball into an area that would have given us a chance to kick a field goal, but the read showed him that he could take a shot - and he took it. He threw a couple up today that he probably would have liked back, but on that one he made a really good decision."

Lantz's team continued their march towards a World Bowl berth, and were helped by the Amsterdam Admirals who sent the previously unbeaten Galaxy home to Frankfurt with their first loss on Sunday. However, Berlin will meet the Dutch giant killers next week, and will aim to avoid a similar fate.

"We need to take it one game at a time," Lantz said. "You have to look at each team on their merits and plan for that. We are going to try to be 5-0."

Lantz's team have a strong chance to return to Arena AufSchalke for World Bowl XII on June 12 if they can continue to find ways to win games. However, the veteran coach is keen to avoid his team thinking too far ahead.



Eric McCoo scored the winning touchdown for the Berlin Thunder. photo: photo-stock.co.uk



"If we win out, we will be back here, but our goal for now is to try and compete and win each game and take them one at a time," Lantz said. "I think that our guys have the maturity as a team to not start worrying about scenarios.

"I would like to play better than we did today - but I don't know that we can win any better."

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