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## "I love the flea market in Berlin"

### Why Thunders Rueckkehrer Aaron Boone Missionar was in Peru

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On next Saturday the American football team of Berlin Thunder with a heimspiel starts against Frankfurt into the NFL Europe season, in order to defend the World Bowl title. Of nine players returned is Aaron Boone. The 27jaehrige Wide receiver spoke with the morning mail about the city Berlin, its work as Missionar in Peru, Thunders prospects and its last chance in the NFL.

Berlin morning mail: Mr. Boone, cordially welcomely back!

Aaron Boone: I am pleased really about the fact that I am again in Berlin. I enjoyed the time here past year very much. Grandparents of my nut/mother are German, it come from the proximity of Braunschweig. Therefore I would like to learn a little German. I am now three months here, there want I more to say to be able than only greeting empty phrases as for example (on German)"as geht's?" or "everything clearly?"

Their role in the team is another. They know already everything.

That is the most important reason, why I wanted to absolutely come back. Past year had I completely different role. I was only no starter, Touchdowns obtained and for me so a master place fought for. That is now different: This time much more by me is expected, I have a much more important role: I am the new ones to lead and must on a higher level to play - physically and mentally.

Of what you remind itself dearest, if you think of the past spring with Thunder?

I remember the mad atmosphere in the olympia stadium and the noise, which our fans made. Some it told that they did not understand the rules completely exactly, but they supported us nevertheless and cheered our Touchdowns. In addition I am naturally never forgotten the profit of the World Bowl. I still often regarded the photos of our victory celebration after the final. That was really a mad feeling.

And what you remind itself, if you think of the city Berlin?

I am much rumgefahren, was however not with the tourist attractions, but in the completely normal quarters, where I which discover could. I love the flea market on the road 17 of June, there find one always so beautiful antiquity things. And recently was I also a few young in Neukoelln, there we a Doener ate. My ten years older brother lived in Berlin, than the wall fell. It visited me 2004 and me a few beautiful places showed.

They are interested also in culture and history, are thus not not the typical football player.

Yes, which is correct. I like different cultures as in Berlin, where there are Turkish and German quarters. This year wants I museums to visit, in order German history, above all background to the wall, better to understand. In addition I would like to South Germany, because I there ever was not, and to potsdam, to the lock Sanssouci with the large park. I carried specially a camera forward, so that I can send pictures to my nut/mother.

From 1997 to 1999 you were Missionar in Peru. How was it added?

In my religion - I am Mormone - there is this possibility. My brother made that, therefore I was also interested in it. Because I can Spanish, I was sent to Peru. That were the best two years of my life. I worked with millionaires, arms and drug-dependent. This time brought me much. The most important, which I learned there: We are all God children, all the same where we live and how much we have money.

Money is a good keyword. They make gladly business.

That tunes, I dear Business to buy and sell things. I want to make that also full-time after my sport career. I had the merriest business as college Footballer: My fellow players did not have desire to wash the clothes there I for the whole team took over and well earned.

Well it ran past year with Thunder. Can the new team defend the title?

Yes, that is possible. The potential is even still more largely than past year, above all the defense is better. We have the chance to win, which World Bowl - wenn's does not fold, are it alone our error, there give it no alibis.

With the NFL clubs it did not run for you so far however so well.

That is correct. I was already with the Dallas cowboy and Chicago Bears in the Trainingscamp, but I had always hurt myself, and in the long run did not fold. In the summer I go to Carolina Panthers, that am my last chance. Many get no more second or third chance. But I am very optimistic, I think that I will have success. I get the opportunity - only in Europe, afterwards in the USA and would like her to use. That could become my year.

Thus gibt's no renewed return.

That depends on which happens in the next NFL season. But I would exclude that not definitely. I am very gladly here in Berlin.

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