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Bundesliga “Rookie Award” for Amine Harit from FC Schalke 04

Amine Harit (20) from FC Schalke 04 has been voted “Bundesliga Rookie 2018” by the fans for his performance in the past season. The “Rookie Award” in Europe’s top league with the lowest average age of just 24.5 is presented by DFL Deutsche Fußball Liga together with its official partner, the Swiss watchmaker TAG Heuer. Harit won the vote against seven other candidates who, like him, had previously been voted “Rookie of the Month”.

Since his transfer from FC Nantes last summer, the midfielder made 31 appearances in the Bundesliga, scoring three goals and assisting six others. Harit won the European U19 Championship with France in 2016 but has since decided to play for Morocco, his parents’ homeland. Harit is currently part of the Moroccan national team’s provisional squad for the World Cup in Russia.

The other candidates for the “Bundesliga Rookie Award by TAG Heuer” were Jann-Fiete Arp, Tatsuya Ito (both Hamburger SV), Sébastien Haller (Eintracht Frankfurt), Valentino Lazaro (Hertha Berlin), Benjamin Pavard (VfB Stuttgart), Jadon Sancho and Dan-Axel Zagadou (both Borussia Dortmund). Voters for the “Rookie of the Month” award have a choice between three professional footballers who at the start of the season were no older than 23 and had not yet played a Bundesliga match. These top three are nominated from among five candidates by Lothar Matthäus, captain of the World Cup-winning team of 1990, to be voted on by fans. The pre-selection is based on official match data (e.g. goals, goal assists, tackling rate).

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