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Military Sport Centre



Editorial



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The Military Sport Centre DUKLA does not stand only for a tradition of more than forty years of great sport achievements, it is also a brand of international significance and a guarantee of quality and top results into the future. It joins the majority of the best Slovak individual sportsmen and provides the best possible conditions within the whole Slovakia. My relationship with DUKLA's colours and emblem is a very intimate one. I have spent here more than twenty years as an active competitor and so I could get closely acquainted with the obvious quality of the most successful Slovak sport club. During my active professional career, I was honoured to wear the state coat of arms on my jersey and I felt always proud, when I could promote the country of the honest, hearty and hardworking people by means of sport. I highly appreciate the top sportsmen and their world's achievements, as I appreciate fair-play and also the challenging work of coaches and support teams.

Every day, I do see how demanding, responsible but also necessary is the constant care for and support of sport with DUKLA's emblem. Therefore I highly appreciate and support those who were helping DUKLA in the past and also those who are still contributing to its prosperity and quality of work at every level.

We, in the Military Sport Centre DUKLA, will give our best to work in such a way that would make our annual summing-up more successful than the previous one.



Military Sport Centre DUKLA Banská Bystrica

For a long time used the Slovak army sportsmen in the former Czechoslovakia to train and gain their achievements in the Czech part of the republic. The most important figures of that period include the Olympic champions in boxing Július Toma and Ján Zachara, but there were many other outstanding Slovak sportsmen in the sport national teams. The talented Slovak sportsmen also succeeded more or less in the former Army Gymnastic Club from 1953 to 1963, in the Central Army Club from 1953 to 1963 or in Dukla Prague from 1963 to 1967 and also in lesser Army Sport Clubs Dukla. It was only in the 60's, when the Army Centres Dukla were grounded also in Slovakia. The first one was grounded in 1967 in Banská Bystrica and then in 1969, the second one in Trenčín. By now, the both army sport clubs have merged into the joint Military Sport Centre DUKLA Banská Bystrica.



Key phases of the Army Centre to the Military Sport Centre

The structure of army sport in Slovakia had passed over several reorganisations. First, there was the Army Centre for both active duty and sport. The grounding of Army Centre of Professional Sport Dukla in 1974 brought support to professional sport in the form of personal and material resources. Another change came after the events of November 1989. In 1990, the governing body of Dukla became the Bureau of P.T. and Sport of the Czechoslovak Army. After the independent Slovak Republic was grounded, further reorganisation followed and in 1994 was the club renamed to Army Sport Club, subordinated to the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic. Since 2006, after another transformation, it operates as Military Sport Centre DUKLA Banská Bystrica, including also the club in Trenčín and dislocated facilities in Liptovský Mikuláš, Žilina and Boľkovce.

The sportsmen of the Dukla clubs have started at the military competitions: at the SKDA contests from 1958 to 1990, at the CISM competitions from 1991 to 1993 for the Federative Czechoslovakia and since 1993 for the independent Slovakia.



Olympic pride: 7 times gold from 16 medāls

The Slovakia's fame was spread by many outstanding sportsmen from both Dukla clubs in Banská Bystrica and Trenčín. On the top of an imaginary hierarchy stand the five Olympic champions, the first of them cyclist Anton Tkáč (sprint, Montreal 1976), then footballer František Kunzo (Moscow 1980), athlete Jozef Pribilinec (20 km walk, Seoul 1988), slalom canoeists Michal Martikán (C1, Atlanta 1996 and Beijing 2008) and Elena Kaliská (C1, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008) but not at last also the other Olympic medallists. Within the period 1967 – 2009 there were 12 Dukla's athletes to gain the total of 16 Olympic medals. It were, along the "golds": pentathlete Bohumil Starnovský (member of the silver team, Montreal 1976), judoka Vladimír Kocman (bronze, Moscow 1980), athlete Jan Železný (silver in javelin throw, Seoul 1988), ski jumpers Jiří Parma and František Jež (members of the bronze team, Albertville 1992), sport shooter Jozef Gönci (bronze in 50 m prone rifle, Atlanta 1996 and bronze in 10 m air rifle, Athens 2004), sprint canoeist Slavomír Kňazovický (silver in C-1500, Atlanta 1996) and Michal Martikán (silver in C1, Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004).



Our uniqueness: more than 70 world champions and 100 European champions

The total medal gain from championships counts 610 medals, including the army competitions even 727 medals. There are 182 gold medals: along the 7 Olympic ones, it makes 49 world champion titles and 19 junior ones, 72 European champion titles and 36 junior European champions (until November 2009). Many athletes achieved victories or medal rankings in the events of World Cup or European Cup and other top international competitions. To the highest points of the army sport belong the SKDA competitions 1958 – 1989 and CISM competitions since 1991 respectively. During the former regime there were top competitions for the fellow armies known as Summer and Winter Spartakiads, at which the Dukla's sportsmen gained 58 medals, among them 15 times gold. At the Championships of Fellow Armies in individual sports gathered Dukla's athletes the total of 137 medals, 19 of them being gold. The admission of the Czechoslovak Army in 1991 in Paris and later of the Slovak Army in 1993 in Larnaca, marked the beginning of a new era, when army sportsmen started to participate in competitions of International Military Sports Council – CISM. From the four Military World Games, first in Rome 1995, then Zagreb 1999, Catania 2003 and Hyderabad 2007, took Dukla's athletes 22 medals, including 7 gold medals. At the CISM World Championships they have gained 40 medals, 8 times the gold ones.





Athletes 1970



Igor Kováč

*Jozef Pribilinec, 20 km walk,
1988 Olympics, Seoul*

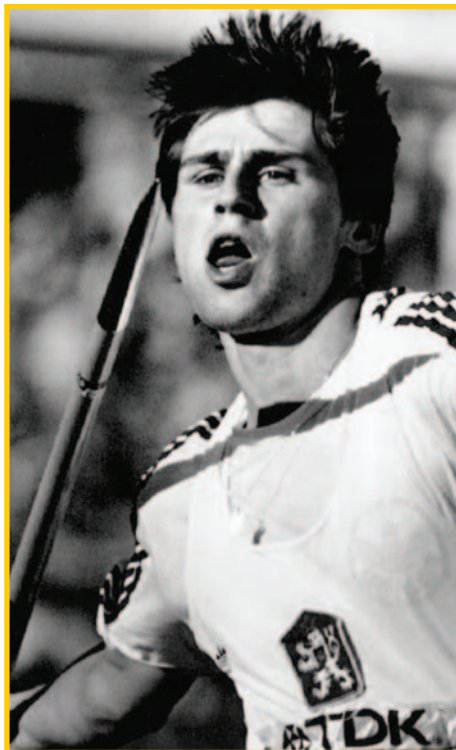


Track and field

Athletes arrived to Banská Bystrica on 15 October 1965. They found themselves in a city with a rich athletic tradition – the first competition took place as early as in 1895. The first official medal was gained by even three milers at once, at the 1973 European Athletics Indoor Championships, where Ivan Kováč, Jozef Samborský and Ján Šišovský were awarded silver in relay 4x4 laps.

The richest medal harvest took in the racewalkers of the 80's. This period was started by Július Ivan (third in 110 m hurdles) and his presence at the 1981 World Cup. Then, trainer Peter Benčík and his athletes appeared on the scene and they deserve the credit for bringing the Slovak athletics into top rankings. Jozef Pribilinec gained nine medals from top level competitions and the tenth one for his triumph at the World Cup finals Lugano Trophy from Bergen 1983. At last, he crowned his talent and training effort by winning the Olympic gold in 20 km walk in Seoul 1988. Another championship medallists were Pavol Blažek and Roman Mrázek. Under the lead of coaches Jaroslav Halva and Jozef Hanušovský worked his way to his early successes of his rich career the javelin thrower Jan Železný. Before he returned back to Czech part of the republic, he had gained medals at Olympics and World Championships and also set world records with a new type of javelin.

His appearance in the 90's, started Pavol Blažek by taking the title of European champion and setting the world record in 20 km walk. The achievements of this period were amplified by Igor Kováč, with his bronze medal in 110 m hurdles at the World Championships. Miluláš Konopka, our successful athlete in the shot put, won gold at the 2007 European Indoor Championship. As a successful representative of the gentler sex, Martina Hrašnová stands out with her bronze medal from the World Championship in Berlin 2009.



Jan Železný





Biathletes 1979



**Marek
Matiaško**



Biathlon

It was in Banská Bystrica, where the pioneer of the early form of biathlon – the military patrol, Vojtech Pavelica started his work. The Dukla's biathletes have ever since reached all medals in all categories, except the Olympic ones. The first military biathletes began to train in Liptovský Mikuláš – Okoličné in a so called detached facility. In 1970 a part of competitors of Dukla Liberec was placed in here. The first coach was Milan Staroň, but soon after the team was moved to Banská Bystrica in 1974, the lead was taken by the prominent Czech biathlete Ladislav Mundil.

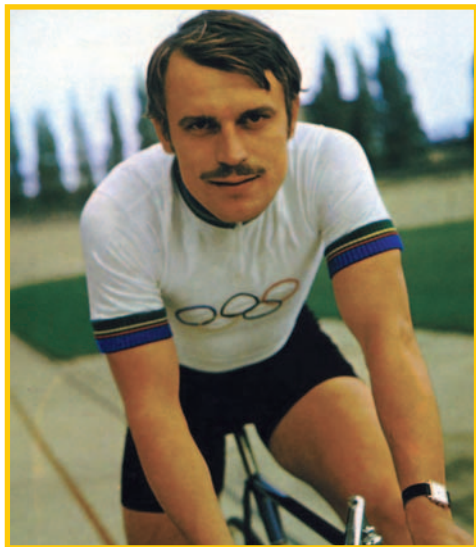
The latest generation of Dukla's biathletes lead coaches Milan Gašperčík, Dušan Šimočko and Pavol Kobela. It was under their guidance, that Marek and Miroslav Matiaško, the world and European champions in summer biathlon, got to the top rankings. Since 1995 they have been accompanied by Martina Jašicová (later Schwarzbacharová and Halinárová), with her achievements at the Olympics,

World and European Championships or World Cup, our most successful women-biathlete. To the latest acquisitions belongs Anastasia Kuzmina, which right after her arrival to Dukla, won for Slovakia the much desired gold medals at the European Championship and silver at the World Championship (2009).



Martina Halinárová





Anton Tkáč



Vladimír Vačkář – Miroslav Vymazal

***The first Dukla's cyclists beneath
the Trenčín castle***



Cycling

It is cycling, that wears the symbolical Olympic badge in Dukla Trenčín since the very beginnings. Among the early coaches was Daniel Gráč and to the competitors and also trainers belonged the Olympic winner Anton Tkáč. Either on the road or on the track, the cyclists of both collectives reached precious accomplishments at all top events.

Since Dukla was grounded in 1969, track cycling had its stable place in Bratislava. The track cyclists recorded their initial achievements in 1973, when Dušan Škvarenina took over the coaching. The pursuers Milan Puzrla and Zdeněk Doňhal won the first medal for Dukla from an international competition at the Summer Spartakiad of fellow armies in 1973. Next medals took track cyclists from the 1974 World Championship. The Olympic gold in sprint by Anton Tkáč and start of three another Dukla's cyclists at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, world champion title in tandem by Vladimír Vačkář and Miroslav Vymazal proved the quality of our work. More laurels of victory were awarded to Dukla in 1978 as A. Tkáč (in sprint) and the tandem V. Vačkář – M. Vymazal became world champions.

Tandem, the special discipline, enriched the club with 3 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals from the World Championships. The coaches in charge were Dušan Škvarenina, Anton Gubrický and Anton Tkáč, who was in the role of club's and also national team's coach. Miroslav Burčík was coaching since 1992.

The track cycling team of the Military Sport Centre DUKLA ceased its activity on 1 May 2009.

The foundations of road cycling both in training and organisation sphere were laid down by Rudolf Schrimpel and his work was carried on by Daniel Gráč since 1970. The most valuable jewel on the diadem of achievements of Dukla's road cyclists is silver from the 1994 World Championship by Michal Dvorščík and it is worth to stress, that this was the first medal ever, won by a Slovak rider at a top road Championship. Highly appreciated is also Miroslav Lipták's 3rd place at the 1991 Peace Race. The newer achievements encompass the triumphs of Maroš Kováč and Ján Šipeky at stage races abroad, under the lead of head coaches Vendelín Kvetan and Josef Dvořák.

Martin and Peter Velits were in the years 2004 – 2005 employed by Army Sport Club Dukla Trenčín as members of the continental team Dukla Trenčín Merida. Peter Velits is nowadays the most successful Slovak rider in the history of Tour de France – 2008, 2009. Another known Slovak cyclist Peter Sagan had in 2009 a contract with Military Sport Club DUKLA Trenčín.



Milan Dvorščík





Judokas 1971



Zoltán Pálkovács

Judo

Judo has found popularity also in Europe and since 1968 until now belong the judokas to successful branches and enlarge the medal collection from all kinds of top events.

This non-traditional sport has had since the very beginning its fundament in the work of Czech trainers and competitors. Especially, there should be highlighted the work of long-time head coach Jiří Synek, who also participated in instructional films and who benefited a lot to the promotion of judo in the former Czechoslovakia, independent Slovakia and also abroad.

The very first medal was gained by Vladimír Novák at the 1974 Championship of Fellow Armies in DPRK (North Korea). He also got the first medal from a European Championship in 1975 and the year later in Montreal, he was the first judoka-Olympian. By his weight class, he was a convenient sparring partner to his successor Vladimír Kocman. He was the first Czechoslovak judoka ever to gain an Olympic medal (1980) and a medal from a World Championship (1981).

The 80's were the golden age of Dukla's judokas, when they collected 10 medals from top-ranked events. Along Vladimír Kocman, Pavel Petříkov, Stanislav Tůma, Jaroslav Kříž, Vincent Riňák and Semir Pepic (who later started for Australia at the Athens Olympics) took part on those competitions. Marek Matuszek succeeded several times at global army or university competitions and later he has taken over the function of the head coach and leads the team together with Ján Gregor Jr.. In the presence, Dukla puts its hopes in heavy class talents Zoltán Pálkovács and Milan Randl.



**Vladimír Kocman
a Pavel Petříkov, 1981**





The 1980 Olympic champions



**František
Kunzo**

Football

The first sportsmen – soldiers in Banská Bystrica, even before the foundation of the centre, were the footballers. Dukla took up the rich football tradition in the city, where the first match was played as early as in 1893. The first football team was led by Viliam Kováčik. In 1968 broke out the first great euphoria, when Dukla did manage to get into First League. The same year was Ladislav Petráš, member of the coach Arnošt Hložek's successful team, nominated for the Olympics in Mexico and became thus the second Dukla's Olympian,

But the First League was played at Dukla's stadium only for a single season. It was not until 1977, that Dukla managed the return, but only to descend in 1982 and to come back in 1983. Since 1 July 1993 has the football club became an allowance organisation, apart from of the Army Sport Club and the Football Club Dukla became independent. The highest international competition Dukla has taken part in was the UEFA Cup. In its premiere match in 1984, Dukla was played out by Borussia Mönchengladbach. The prominent position among the Dukla's players belongs to František Kunzo, the member of the gold winning Czechoslovak Olympic team from Moscow 1980.



Football players 1981



Hockey team of Trenčín



Žigmund Pálffy



Ice hockey

Hockey is the most popular sport of Dukla and the players arrived in Trenčín in 1956. The first team with Dukla's emblem started its appearance in Slovak National League in the season 1963/64. The Army Centre began to deal with hockey in 1969. The players were lucky to get excellent coaches from the very beginning and Dukla's team transformed into a professional sport. The coaching of E. Macoszek and S. Mottl was proceeded in 1975 by J. Walter and K. Svojše, who steered the team to the First League in 1977.

Three years of coaching by J. Walter and O. Výboh started with the second place at the Winter Spartakiad in Minsk and culminated with ranking second in the First League and with the first members of the national team: Otto Haščák, Vladimír Růžička and Radim Raděvič at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. The course to the top, was set by the coach-duo J. Šupler – F. Hossa in 1990. After ranking second, their team won the first champion title in 1992. The last gold medals and the Cup of the Federal Champion just before splitting of the Federation were also gained by the former Dukla. Robert Švehla started that year part at the Winter Olympics in Albertville, where he contributed to the gain of bronze medals. The hockey club Dukla Trenčín has become independent in 1 uly 1993 and thus works apart from the current Military Sport Centre.



Pavol Demitra



Klaudio Farmadín

Karate

The first medal was awarded Marián Kadlečík for the third place at the 2000 European Junior Championship. In 2001 he was followed by Peter Macko with silver medal from the same competition. Klaudio Farmadín has been a successful Dukla's member since 2002 and his achievements in the top-level kumite competitions became regular. As Dukla's member, he won several medals in Academic World Championships, but also bronze at the 2002 World Championship in Madrid, bronze at the 2003 European Championship in Bremen, bronze at the 2004 World Championship in Monterey, bronze at the European Championship in Moscow, gold at the European Championship in Vienna and silver at the 2007 European Championship in Bratislava.





Janka Purdjaková



Štefan Havlík



Jaroslav Horváth



Bodybuilding and fitness

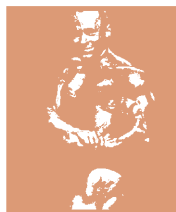
Since the Dukla's Bodybuilders have started their activity in Trenčín (1993) and Banská Bystrica (1998) they have achieved extraordinary results. Up to now, have the devotees of bodybuilding and fitness won many medals at top international competitions.

The first Dukla's world champion was Jaroslav Horváth, born in Košice. Since 1995, he spent five seasons in Dukla Trenčín. The most valuable from his seven medals are 3 world champion titles. He has become a professional in 2001. There was also a brief stay of Pavol Ferenc in, born in Veľký Krtíš. He is the 1995 junior world champion and he won for Dukla bronze at the 1999 World Championships. Igor Kočíš, a present Dukla's member (category to 75 kg) won both the World and European Championship. The heavier Štefan Havlík (categories to 90, or 100 kg) won during his career in Dukla since 2001 several medals, becoming both world and European champion. He also contributed to the gain of medals in mixed pairs with Jana Purdjaková.

The first woman-bodybuilder in Dukla was Miriam Peschová, born in Liptovský Mikuláš. During her two seasons in Dukla she took bronze at the 1999 World Championship and the title of the European champion in 2000 in mixed couples. The most successful has been Jana Purdjaková from Poprad. Starting with her sixth place at the 1994 junior European Championship, she has been enjoying considerably long career, when we consider the nature of this sport. She entered the Army Sport Club in 2001 with her silver in the mixed pairs at the European Championship and bronze at the World Games. Then the individual medals followed: silver 2002, two times gold at the 2003 and 2004 World Championship. After they had created a couple with Štefan Havlík, they won the 2006 European Championship. Within the period 2007 – 2009 she collected the amazing 7 gold medals (World and European Championships, World Games of non-Olympic sports, bench press).



Igor Kočíš





*First DUKLA's
world champion,
ski jumper Karel
Kodejška*



Ski jumpers 1972

Skiing

Jiří Parma



Skiing was the third sport, Dukla started with and the skiers formed on 1. January 1966 the first sport group, along with the footballers and athletes. Temporarily, run in Dukla alpine skiing from 1966 to 1984 and cross-country skiing from 1970 to 1982. It is necessary to distinguish the ski jumpers who were awarded medals at the Olympics and World Championships. The ski jumping team has ended its activity in 2003.

Peter Schlank, who was temporarily also the coach of the Czechoslovak national team, became the head coach in Dukla. The best sportsmen were Jozef Rusko, Jozef Hýsek, Ján Tánčzos, Marián Bielčík and especially Martin Švagerko. It was the ski jumper Pavol Kodejška who in the 1975 event of ski flying earned Dukla the first title of a world champion. His successor Jiří Parma made Dukla famous by his starts at four Olympics. He is also the 1987 world champion in normal hill competition. Parma together with F. Ježek helped to gain the bronze medals in team large hill at the 1992 Winter Olympics.

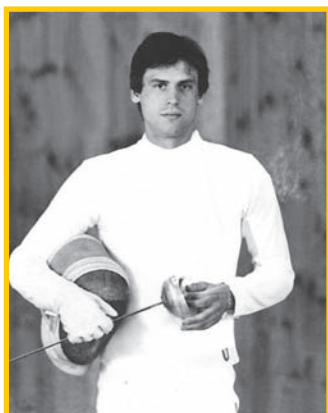
To the latest acquisitions of Dukla's skiers belong the alpine skier Veronika Zuzulová, who has made it to the top rankings with her World Cup achievements.



Veronika Zuzulová



*Modern
pentathletes 1988*



Bohumil Starnovský

Modern pentathlon

The army centres are the right facilities, which meet the demands of the pentathletes, concerning the five different events – show jumping, fencing, freestyle swimming, pistol shooting and cross-country run. During Dukla's existence since 1970, they made their valuable contributions to Dukla's array of medals.

The first coach to set the pentathlon in Dukla Liptovský Mikuláš – Okoličné was Otto Jemelka, followed by Karol Schwartz. After pentathlon was moved to Banská Bystrica in 1974, there came competitors to Dukla, who gradually dominated the Slovak scene. Two of them were nominated to the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and Bohumil Staronovský became the member of the silver team. The 80's were dominated by the top event medallists Milan Kadlec and Petr Blažek.

After Slovakia became an independent republic and the Czech sportsmen had left, Dukla's competitors have not ever proceeded in the successes of their predecessors. After the tragic death of Juraj Ondro, a promising athlete, has been grounded the international memorial race. The current trainer is Dušan Poláček, Jr. The by now last medal was gained by Ľ. Beňo and A. Brečka at the 2002 World Junior Championship.



Milan Kadlec



*Parachutists
before
jumping off*

Parachuting

The sport parachuting team was grounded in Dukla Trenčín on 1 January 1997, but even in 1996, there were already the first 3 competitors. In that year won Ladislav Vikartovský bronze at the World Championships in Békecsaba in the junior category. Coach Marián Sluk had in his collective also K. Adamčík, S. Jevoš, R. Juriš and P. Platko. They were training at the air field Boľkovce near Lučenec. By now, the most successful parachutist is K. Adamčík, who widened the set of taken medals: bronze at the 1997 and silver at the 1998 World Championships, bronze at the 1999 Masters World Cup, bronze at the 2002 World Team Cup together with his colleagues from Dukla. R. Juriš finished 4th at the 2002 CISM World Championship and at the next one in Krems 2004, K. Adamčík and Milan Kocík took the 5th places. K. Adamčík earned bronze in individual acrobatics at the 2006 CISM World Championships. Róbert Juriš got silver at the 2009 World Games. To the achievements of the team adds the 6th place in team accuracy at the 34th World Military Parachute Championship in Lučenec – Boľkovce, which was organised by our Military Sport Centre DUKLA in cooperation with the Defence Ministry of the Slovak Republic and all parts of the Slovak Armed Forces.

The parachutists were coached by Marián Sluk from 2005 to 2009 in Boľkovce.



**Karol
Adamčík**



Players of water polo of Dukla Žilina 1973



Luboš Križko



Swimming and water polo

The pioneers of water polo were the players in Žilina, who trained in spare conditions under the coaching of Emil Wiesner. The Dukla's team, grounded in 1966 entered the First League in 1969. In 1970 the team acquired the status of a separate branch of Dukla Banská Bystrica. The first man to lead the team was the still active sportsman Jiří Walter and since 1972 Dušan Nérer. The military players of polo were active in Žilina to 1972, when they were moved to B. Bystrica, where after ten years the team was dissolved.

The first swimmers arrived to Žilina from Dukla Prague in 1974 and then in 1976, they were moved along with the water polo team to B. Bystrica, where another 50 m indoor swimming pool was finished. The most famous swimmer of that time was the freestyle swimmer Petr Adamec.

Medals from top events were gained only by the swimmers of the latest generation. First, it was Miloslav Dolník in Dukla Trenčín. Ivana Lange-Walterová became in Dukla the Slovak swimmer "No. 2" just after the phenomenal Martina Moravcová. She took her first medal at the 1994 World Gymnasium competition. She got further medals at the CISM championships during the period 1995 – 2002 or Military World Games. The latest achievement was made by Ľubomír Križko, the backstroke specialist, by his gain of one bronze at the 2006 and two bronze medals at the 2008 European Championships, where he created a new European record. He is also the holder of three gold medals from the Military World Games. All the accomplishments of Dukla's swimmers are closely related with the coach Jiří Walter.



Coach Jiří Walter and Ľuboš Križko



Sprint canoeists of Dukla Trenčín 1971



Sprint canoeists K4 2002

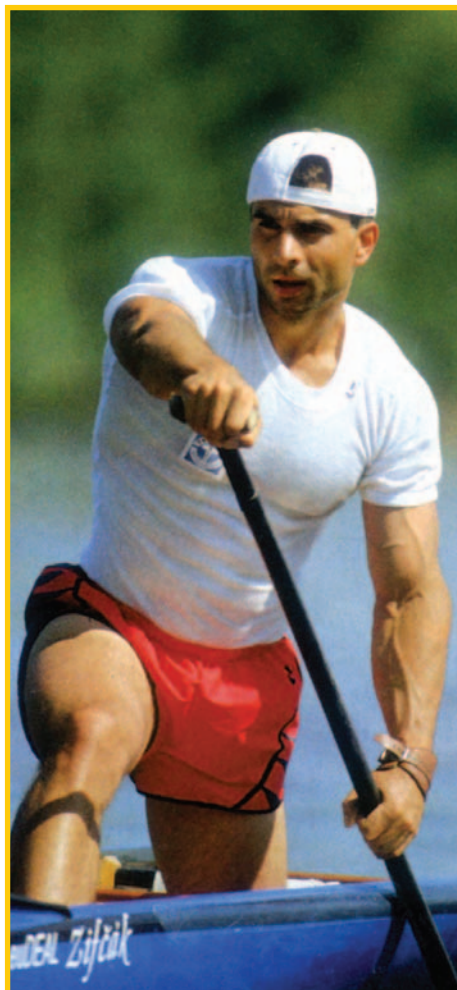


Slavomír Kňazovický Olympics 1996

Canoe sprint

Since first year of independent Slovakia have the watermen collected a respectable set of achievements and thus justified their existence. Canoe racing was brought to Trenčín because of the convenient natural conditions of the Váh river. The sport's performance was rising since 1970 under the professional guidance of the first coach Vladimír Špaček. The early championship achievements were made by crew of C-5, which was a former event. Greater successes came in the form of medal gains from top military competitions. Kayaker Viktor Podloucký reached the victory in 1974 and the single canoeist Peter Biskupič took silver at the 1975 Championship of Fellow Armies.

The new Dukla took the first medal by Attila Szabó at the 1993 World Championship. Since then, the canoeists have won several medals at World and European Championships and Olympics, what proves their firm position in Dukla and also the quality of coaches. The major share on the medal success goes to Slavomír Kňazovický with one gold, tree silver and one bronze medal. During his three Olympic appearances, he earned one medal in 1996. He has become the head coach of the canoeist group in 2001, with assistant trainers Radovan Šimočko and Rastislav Kužel. The most successful have been the larger crews, especially the K4. To the latest results counts the bronze by Martin Jankovec, which he took at the 2009 European Championship in Poznań as member of the K4 crew in U23 category.



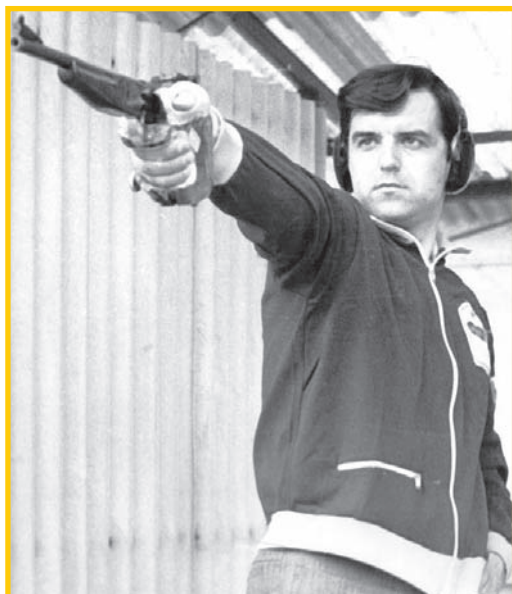
Slavomír Kňazovický



Peter Plánovský
Peter Pelach
Miroslav Jurčo



Ivan
Némethy



Shooting sports

Shooting sports were launched in September 1969 in Liptovský Mikuláš – Okoličné and thus comprise a Dukla's part nearly since its very beginning. After it was moved to Banská Bystrica in 1975, the number of competitors rose and so did the number of satisfactory results. Shooting sport stand for the most successful sport of Dukla's history, with more than 100 medals won at top-level events, like the Olympics and World or European Championships.

First shooters in our detached centre in Okoličné were the pistol shooters Ján Kotora, Štefan Krčmár, Karol Schwartz, Ivan Némethy and Viliam Ferenc and rifle shooter Adolf Jakeš. By the beginning of 1993, the sportsmen of Army Sport Club started the shooting at moving targets. They gained 15 medals at the European Championship in Brno the same year, what gave the impulse for grounding an independent sport team. Thus the team has been put into existence in Dukla on 1 September 1994.

The head coach and simultaneously the coach of pistol shooters is Tibor Kiss, the coach of rifle shooters Ivana Švecová and the coach for moving target Peter Plánovský. The top sportsman of the group is Jozef Gönci, who earned the total of 40 medals, two of them being Olympic bronze. The remaining shooters, whether pistol or rifle ones, have not managed their appearance on the Olympics yet. The moving target shooters have by now gained several titles of world or European champions. Except of coach Peter Plánovský, Peter Pelach and Miroslav Jurčo are also active in the club these days.



**Jozef
Gönci**





Marián Jung



Motorboat racing

Marián Jung has successfully represented Dukla B. Bystrica in motorboat racing since 2000. In 1998 he won the world champion title. Since then, he has collected over a dozen of medals at championships in the classes OSY 400 and 0-125 ccm, including several titles of European champion and one of the world champion.

Another medallist is Michal Košút in the category OSY 400, European champion and silver medallist at the 2009 World Championship.



Michal Košút





A 1992 Olympic photograph



Elena Kaliská Olympic Games 2004



*Michal
Martikán
Olympic
Games
1996*

Slalom canoeing

The slalom canoeists have become the most successful sport within an extraordinary short period. Since its beginnings in 1994, they have gained over 70 medals at top-level international competitions (Olympics, World and European Championships). The outstanding fruitfulness can be contributed to the long-time tradition (International Tatra Slalom since 1949, grounding of the club in 1953, completion of the training complex in 1978) and the high-class coaching work with gifted competitors.

The original slalom canoeing centre was established in 1994 and on 1 April came in the first competitors, others entered by starting the compulsory military service or working as civil employees. Even the entry of juniors into the Army Sport Club Dukla was impressive. In the USA, they captured three junior world champion titles. At the 1996 Olympics has Michal Martikán become the youngest Slovak Olympic champion and even the first Olympic medallist in the era of independent Slovakia.

The embodiment of the club's pride represent two personalities of water slalom: single canoeist Michal Martikán and the kayaker Elena Kaliská, both multiple medalists and world and European champions. Save to them, there are also other successful competitors in the club: Ján Bátik, Tomáš Kučera, Milan Kubáň, Marián Olejník, Alexander Slafkovský and Ján Šajbidor. The vital share on club's achievements bears also the support team: Peter Mráz, Peter Cibák, Jozef Martikán and Juraj Ontko senior.

The example of slalom canoeist Elena Kaliská proves, that a steady hard work brings success. She counted to the favourites both at the Olympics and World Championships. Elena Kaliská ranks among the most important Slovak sportswomen and she is the first female Slovak Olympic winner ever. She has been Dukla's member since 1994.

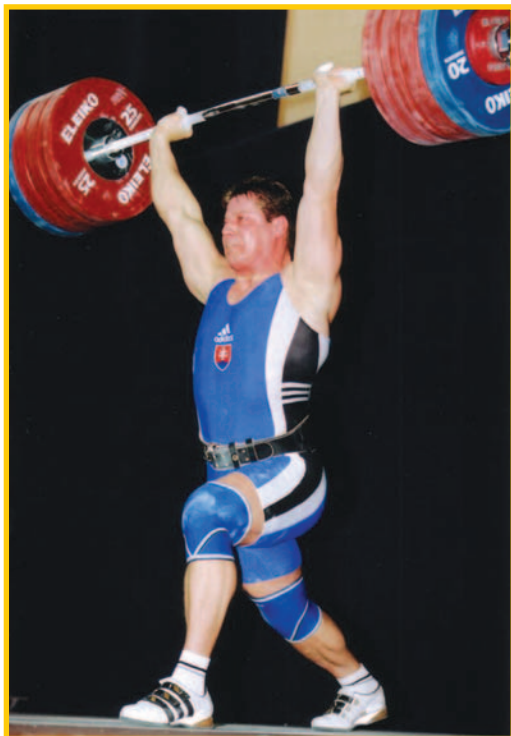


Coach Peter Mráz and Elena Kaliská



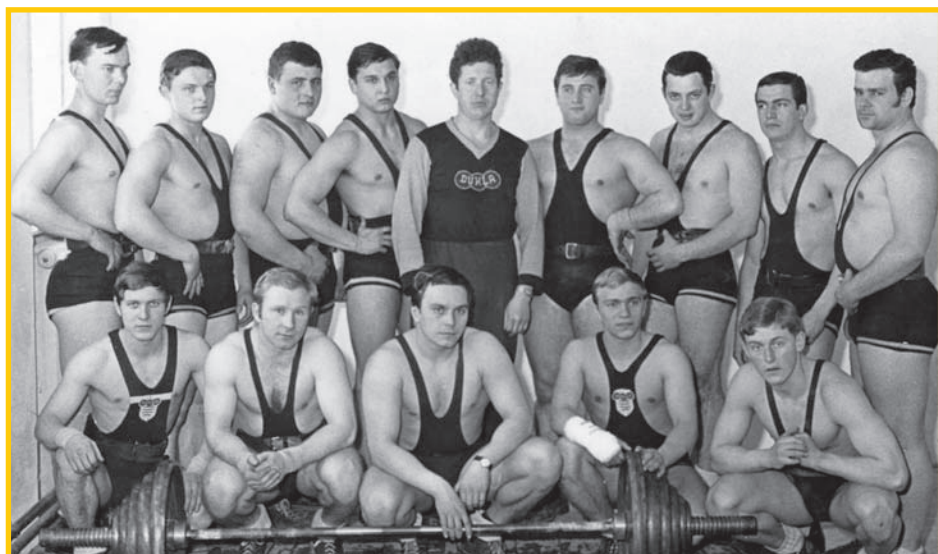
Michal Martikán with his Olympic gold





Martin Tešovič

Dukla's weightlifters 1969



Weightlifting

Weightlifting is one of those sports that have been in Dukla during its whole history. Weightlifters arrived in Banská Bystrica in 1967, were moved to Trenčín in 1974, and will finally become a part of Dukla Banská Bystrica again in 2010.

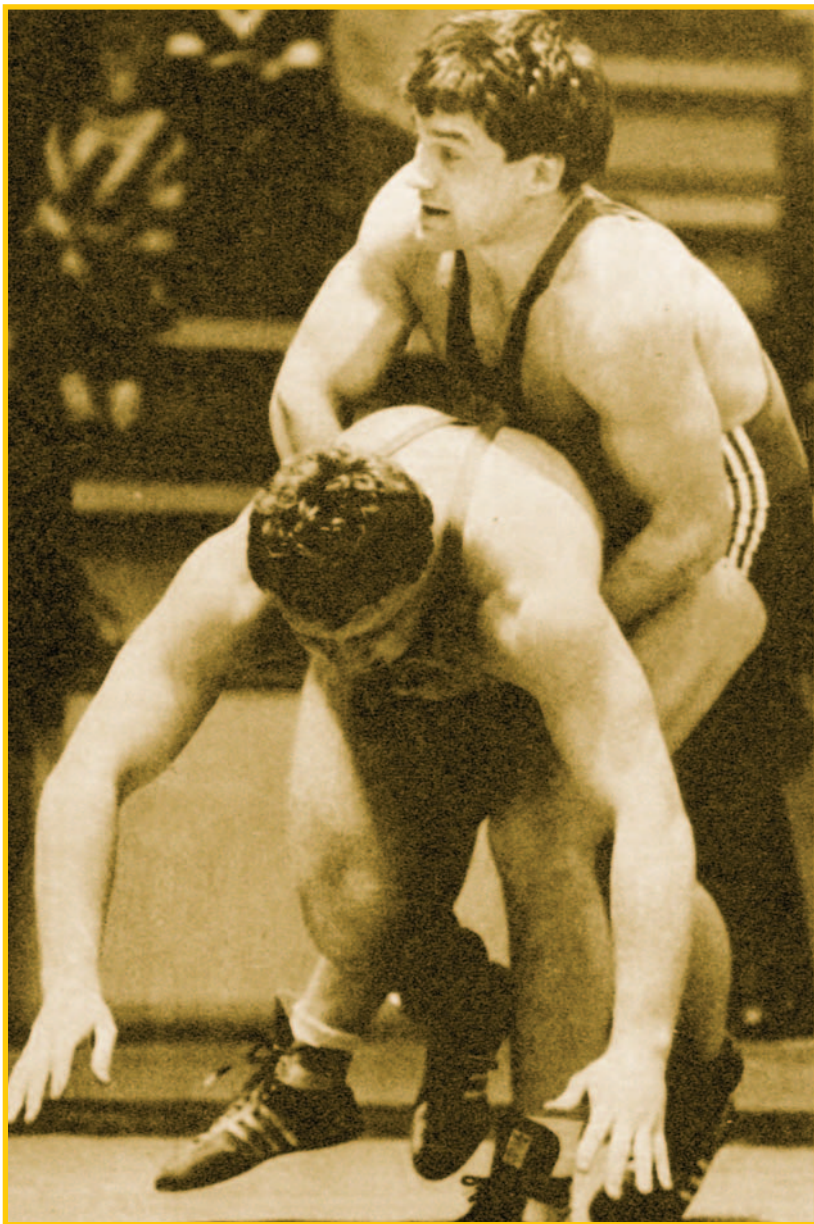
They started in an adjusted dressing room at the SNP Stadium. The period in Trenčín also began in improvised conditions in the building of the City's gallery. Milan Kováč was coaching since 1975, assisted by several other trainers, among them also Petr Hodulák.

Their path to the winner's podium launched the Dukla's athletes in the 80's: first Ondrej Rusnýák, Imrich Rusnýák, Petr Krol and Dušan Poliačik. A prominent personality of weightlifting in Dukla is Dagmar Daneková (later Kutlíková) with her outstanding performances and 22 medals. The Slovak "King of the barbell", Martin Tešovič has by now gained more than 15 medals, including gold at the World and European Championships.



Dagmar Kutlíková-Daneková



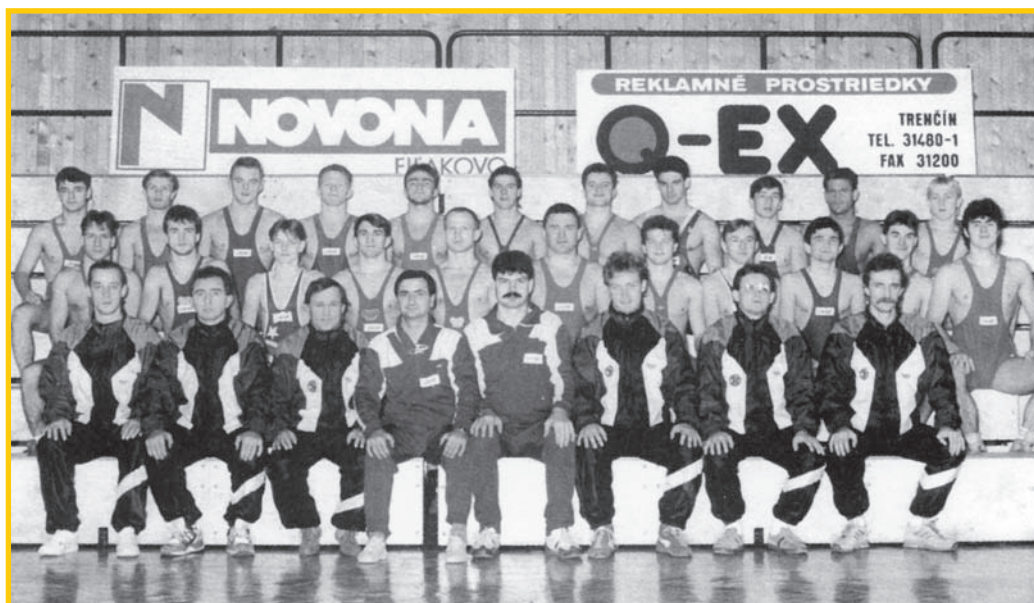


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Wrestling

The wrestlers have been active in Dukla Trenčín since 1970. First, there were only the Greco-Roman wrestlers, but four years later started in Dukla also the free-style wrestlers. The first generation of wrestlers in classical style was coached by Josef Ko-lář, later also Milan Hlôška, who were then proceeded by Anton Mozola.

Jaroslav Medun holds the first medal gain from the military competitions (1973) and the second medal was taken in by free-style wrestler Milan Mendel at the 1978 European Junior Championship. They both collected together nine medals during the 80's. Another important medallist is Štefan Fernyák. The by now last of Dukla's medal successes is bronze won by Attila Bátky in Greco-Roman style at the 2003 World Championship, under the coaching of Peter Hirjak and Vojtech Kováčik.



Wrestling team of Dukla Trenčín, the 90's



Victory celebration



Ján Šutek a Štefan Grega

3x2 patrol on the winner's podium

Whitewater racing

Whitewater racing has been covered by the Military Sport Centre since 1 November 1995. Ever since, have the racers enriched the Dukla's compilation of achievements by a good many medals at the World or European Championships. Unlike the canoe slalom this sport has not been included in the Olympic programme.

Nearly the total above balance has been accomplished by only three boats during the 12 years – by the double canoes. The most successful crew comprises of Vladimír Vala and Jaroslav Slučík from the club Sokol Žilina. Another Dukla's boats have often formed with them victorious patrols.

No less known are Ján Šutek and Štefan Grega who have gained over 20 medals by now and who are multiple world and European champions. Ján Šutek made his beginnings as single canoeist in 1983 in Slávia VŠDS, a part of his career he was active in Sokol Žilina, where he was coached also by Jaroslav Slučík. The "rear paddler" Štefan Grega started as solo canoeist in Slávia VŠDS and was later member of several sports organisations. They form a double canoe crew since 1992 and are coached by Jozef Šoška.

Double canoe Matúš Kunhart and Peter Šoška was formed in 2008 and originally there was Ľuboš Šoška, the younger brother of Peter in the place of M. Kunhart. They were coached by their father Jozef Šoška. The brothers also used to compete in slalom, in which discipline they appeared at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Before entering Dukla, they became the junior world champions in whitewater racing (1994) and they were third at the World Championship in slalom of patrols (1996). As Dukla's members, they participated on the gain of four medals from World Championships and four Medals from European Championships. The new crew Kunhart – Šoška has also reaped many achievements. They won gold in C2 in 2008 and also two bronze medals in patrols and the year later the title of European champions from Boffetto and two silver medals in patrols.



Matúš Kunhart a Peter Šoška



Other sports

In all stages and forms of centres in Banská Bystrica and Trenčín, beginning with the Army centre, over the Army Centre of Professional Sport and the Army Sport Club, concluding with the Army Sport Centre, there was also given space to many other sport branches. Those sports, teams or individuals were active for periods of different duration, but were eventually dissolved.

Dukla Banská Bystrica engaged in the past in many sports as: football, yachting, archery, cross-country skiing, ski jumping, summer ski jumping and downhill skiing, autocross and motocross, orienteering, orienteering diving, sledding, powerlifting, fencing, gymnastics, tennis, triathlon, water polo.

In Dukla Trenčín: basketball, boxing, artistic cycling, handball, ice hockey, yachting, equestrianism, kick-box, orienteering, swimming, finswimming, arm wrestling, radio orienteering, powerlifting, ski touring, dance-sport, table tennis, chess, fencing, gymnastics, triathlon, rowing, volleyball.



Military Sport Centrum DUKLA helped to organise these significant sport competitions:

- Europa SC High jump, originally known as Banskobystrická latka (Bystrica's high bar) – a high jump meeting
- Easter weightlifting tournament
- Dudinská 50 – walking competition
- International Liptov Slalom – slalom canoeing
- International Tatra Slalom – slalom canoeing
- International Cycling Days
- Kritérium SNP – outdoor athletic meeting
- European Team Championships, athletics, 2nd League, former European Cup of Athletic Teams
- Považie Weightlifting Cup
- The 34th World Military Parachute Championship CISM
- ESNP International Judo Tournament
- EJuraj Ondro's memorial race - modern pentathlon



