



Military Sport Centre

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Military Sport Centre DUKLA Banská Bystrica looks back upon 43 years of work

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 smaller Army Sport Clubs Dukla. It was only in the 60's, when the Army Centres Dukla was grounded also in Slovakia. The first one was founded in Banská Bystrica in 1967 and then in 1969 in Trenčín. By now the 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 Slovak Republic became independent further reorganisation followed and in 1994 the club was renamed to Army Sport Club subordinated to the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic. Since 2006 after another transformation operates as Military Sport Centre DUKLA Banská Bystrica including the club in Trenčín and detached facilities in Liptovský Mikuláš and Žilina.

The sportsmen of 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: 8 times gold from 19 medals

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 six 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), and biathlet Anastasia Kuzminová (Vancouver 2010) but also the other Olympic medallists. Within the period 1967 – 2010 there were 13 Dukla's athletes to gain the total of 19 Olympic medals. Along the "golds"

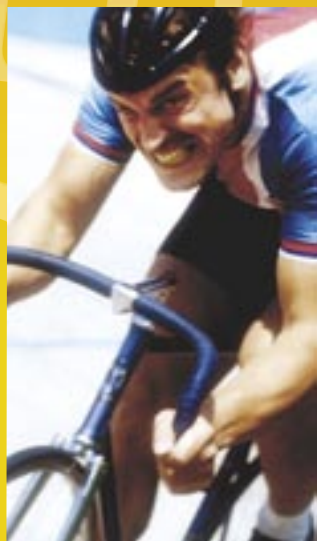
there were: pentathlete Bohumil Starnovský (member of the silver team, Montreal 1976), judoka Vladimír Kocman (bronze, Moscow 1980), athlete Jan Železný (silver in javelin throw, Seoul 1988), ski jumpers Jiří Parma and František Jež (members of the bronze team, Albertville 1992), sport shooter Jozef 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), biathletes Anastasia Kuzminová and Pavol Hurajt (silver and bronze in Vancouver 2010).

Our uniqueness: 76 world champions and 114 European champions

The total medal collection from championships is 655 medals including army competitions which gives 729 medals. There are 198 gold medals: along the 8 Olympic it makes 57 world champion titles and 19 junior, 74 European champion titles and 40 junior European champions (until December 2010). 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.

Anton Tkáč - 1976



František Kunzo - 1980



Jozef Pribilinec - 1988



Michal Martikán - 1996, 2008



Elena Kaliská - 2004, 2008



Anastasia Kuzminová - 2010



INTRODUCTION

Military Sport Center DUKLA Banská Bystrica was established by the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic as a budget organisation and its aim was to set administer development of sportsmen active in individual sports, who take part at the top-ranking events and also for the national sport teams of the Armed Forces of the SR and of the Slovak Republic, as well as training of talented youth.



From the very beginning Military Sport Center DUKLA Banská Bystrica was based in the same city but DUKLA runs several detached Centers across the whole Slovakia. There are canoe sprint teams and road cyclists in Trenčín, Liptovský Mikuláš is a base for slalom canoeing and Žilina provides capacities for whitewater racing. Banská Bystrica act as base for sports teams in athletics, biathlon, judo,

shooting sports, weightlifting, wrestling, various – swimming, bodybuilding, modern pentathlon, motorboat racing, karate, gymnastics and skiing sports.



■ The SNP stadium, Sports Hall, grass training field (javelin, hammer), warm up area, tennis courts, climbing wall for the fire sport

In Banská Bystrica the Center administers a sport complex covering 94 000 m², which encompasses the SNP stadium (football and athletic), the DUKLA Sports Hall at the Štiavničky location, training fields and training center Králiky, administrative building, canteen for sportsmen and employees and accommodation facilities both for employees and sportsmen.

SNP stadium – is used as a training facility for all sportsmen, it also hosts regional, Slovak national, European and world ranking sport events.

■ The SNP stadium with capacity of 10 000 (7 000 seats), football and athletic sector



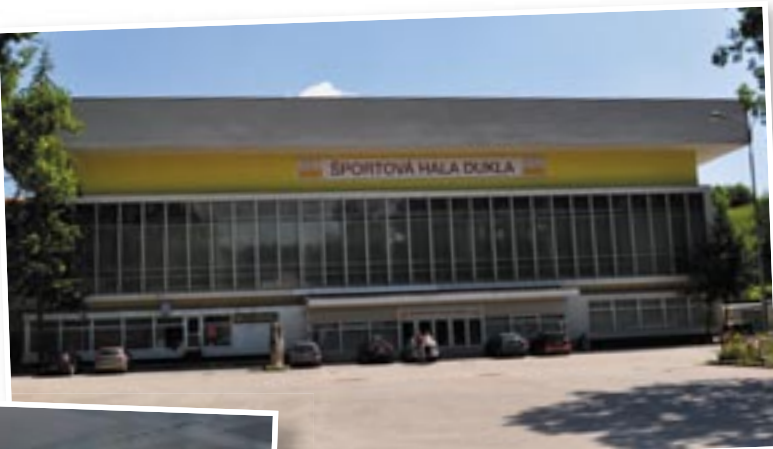
■ Sports Hall in Trenčín



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■ Training center Králiky with capacity of 39 beds

DUKLA Sports Hall, Štiavničky – serves as a training area for sportsmen, board floor for sports, fitness-room, gym for combat sports and outer and inner target range (10 m, 25m and 50 m), fencing room and weightlifting room. The hall provides also premises for sport and cultural events. There is reconstructed city swimming pool right next to Sports Hall.



■ Sports Hall



■ City swimming pool



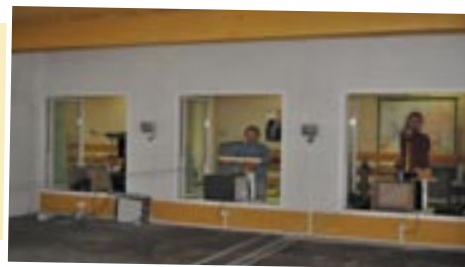
■ There are 847 seats, 6 changing rooms, room for arbitrators and VIP (lodging) room in Sports Hall.



■ Fitness-room



■ Weightlifting room



■ Target range

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The administrative building of the Center
– location of all coach offices, secretaries of particular sports, employees of the economic branch, medical facility and the headquarters of the VŠC DUKLA management.



■ The hostel with 37 rooms and administrative building with 95 beds.



■ Regeneration center



■ Spiroergometria

Water sports facility

After thirty two years the Ondrej Cibák's water sports facility on the Váh river shall acquire a new outfit. The Olympic champions Elena Kaliská and Michal Martikán knocked in June 2010 with their paddles in the presence of the Secretary of Defence and the mayor of Liptovský Mikuláš the cornerstone of the new water sports facility. The Ministry of Defence decided to improve the facility in cooperation with the Military Sport Center DUKLA Banská Bystrica.

The construction work comprise of two stages. Boxes for ships and cars are in the southern sector and next to them 3 changing rooms for home competitors and further ones for guest competitors and even women and coach dressing

rooms shall not be omitted. The northern side bears a sheltered audience stage covering the length of 80 meters with seats for 800 visitors. The highest part, shaped as glass cube was designed for the journalists and television crews. Protruding construction is placed right above the water area and enables thus a panoramic view on the entire canal. These activities covered by stage one are already finished. The second stage foresees the construction of rooms for physiotherapists, whirlpools, saunas and a fitness-room. The chief architect Vladimír Bábík was during the design work on the new water sports facility counselled both by the coach of slalom canoeists Jozef Martikán and the double Olympic champion Michal Martikán.

■ Water sports facility in Liptovský Mikuláš



Track and field

Athletes arrived to Banská Bystrica on 15th October 1965. They found themselves in a city with a rich athletic tradition – the first competition took place as early as in 1895. 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 Juraj 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



■ Dana Veldáková

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. As a successful representative of the gentler sex, Martina Hrašnová stands out with her bronze medal from the World Championship in Berlin 2009 and also Dana Veldáková with bronze from indoor European Championship in Paris 2011 (triple jump). An outstanding achievement was accomplished by our walker Matej Tóth who became the winner of the 2010 World Race Walking Cup in Chihuahua Mexico.

■ Martina Hrašnová

Trophy from Bergen 1983. At last the crowned his talent and training effort by winning the Olympic gold in 20 km walk in Seoul 1988. 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

Biathlon

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 latest generation of Dukla's biathletes lead coaches Milan Gašperčík, Dušan Šimočko and Pavol Kobela. It was under their guidance when Marek and Miroslav Matiaško became world and European champions in summer biathlon got to the top rankings.

Since 1995 they have been accompanied by Martina Halinárová with her achievements at the Olympics, World and European Championships or World Cup. 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). Year 2010 was dominated by the taste of our greatest success in biathlon ever, embodied in the gain of the complete set of Olympic medals: gold and silver captured by Anastasia Kuzmina and bronze taken by Pavol Hurajt.



■ Pavol Hurajt



■ Anastasia Kuzminová



■ Matej Kazár

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. Since Dukla was grounded in 1969, track cycling had its stable place in Bratislava. The pursuers Milan Puzrla and Zdeněk Dohnal 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 participation 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,

■ Maroš Kováč



4 silver and 2 bronze medals from the World Championships. 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. The most valuable jewel on the diadem of achievements of Dukla's road cyclists is silver from the 1994 World Championship by Milan Dvorščík and it is worth to mention that this was the first medal ever won by a Slovak rider at a top road Championship. The newer achievements encompass the triumphs of Maroš Kováč and Ján Šipeky at stage races abroad.

Judo

This non-traditional sport has had since the very beginning its fundament in the work of Czech trainers and competitors. The very first medal was gained by Vladimír Novák at the 1971 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 Pertřikov, Stanislav Tůma, Jaroslav Kříž, Vincent Riňák and Semir Pepic took part at those competitions. Zoltán Pálkovács and Marek Matuszek succeeded several times at



■ Milan Randl

global army or university competitions and later Matuszek has taken over the function of the head coach and leads the team together with Ján Gregor Jr. Milan Randl counts to the most successful judoka of the present time as he took the silver medal at the 2009 European Championships U23 in Antalya.

Karate

The first medal was awarded to 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 Farnadín has been a successful member of Dukla 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 and 2nd at the World Championship in Cascais.



■ Klaudio Farnadín

Bodybuilding

Since the Dukla's Bodybuilders have started their activity in Trenčín (1993) and Banská Bystrica (1998) they have achieved extraordinary results. 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. Igor Kočíš (category to 75 kg) won both the World and European Championship. The heavier Štefan Havlík (categories to 90 kg, 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 Peschlová, 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



■ Jana Purdjaková

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 she had created a couple with Štefan Havlík they won the 2006 European Championship. Within the period 2007 – 2010 she collected an amazing 10 gold medals (World and European Championships, World Games of non-Olympic sports, bench press).

■ Štefan Havlík



Skiing

Skiing was the third sport, Dukla started with and the skiers formed the first sport group on 1st January 1966. Temporarily alpine skiing ran in Dukla 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. 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. The ski jumping team has ended its activity in 2003.

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 and became hall European champion in 2010.

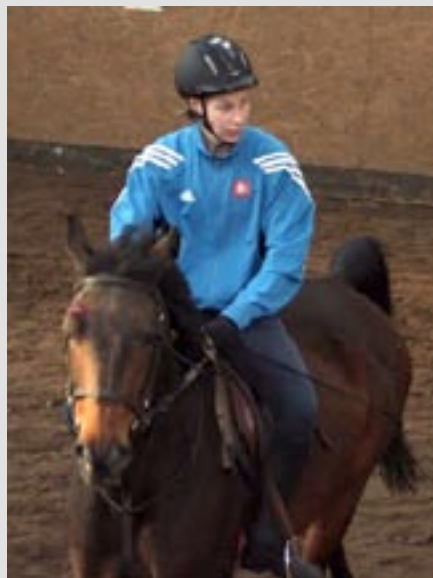
■ Veronika Zuzulová



Modern pentathlon

During Dukla's existence since 1970, pentathletes 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. After pentathlon was moved to Banská Bystrica in 1974, competitors came to Dukla who gradually dominated the Slovak scene. Two of them were nominated to the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and Bohumil Starnovský 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 (promising athlete) has been grounded the international memorial race.



■ Lucia Kršňáková

Swimming

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 Ľuboš 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.



■ Roman Kučík

Canoe sprint

Since first year of independent Slovakia the watermen have 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 river Váh. 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



■ Marián Ostrčil

in Dukla and also the quality of coaches. The major share on the medal success goes to Slavomír Kňazovický with one gold, three 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. 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. 2010 brought another augmentation of the medal collection by medals from the World and European Championships, World University Championships by two bronzes by Marián Ostrčil and one gold and two silvers from Peter Gelle.



■ Peter Gelle

Gymnastics

First gymnasts came to Banská Bystrica from the Technical Engineering College in Bratislava in 1969. Sportsmen from Dukla Praha were moved here within reorganisation in 1974. From the first era of gymnasts the best-known are Valentin Cap, Ferdinand Daniš, Miroslav Kuččík. The team dissolved in 1989 in Banská Bystrica and in 1993 in Trenčín. Since 2010 falls below DUKLA Samuel Piasecký, who achieved the best result in history of independent Slovak Republic – 8th place at the world championship.



■ Samuel Piasecký

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 108 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. 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 1st 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.

■ Jozef Gönci



■ Peter Plánovský, Peter Pelach and Miroslav Jurčo



■ Marián Jung

Motorboat racing

Marián Jung has successfully represented Dukla Banská 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 O-125 ccm including several titles of European champion and one world champion. In 2009 he took also

part in the O-700 class in which he became the 2010 European champion. In the F-500 race series he took the third place at the 2010 World Championship.

Another medallist is Michal Košút in the category OSY 400, European champion and silver medallist at the 2009 World Championship. In 2010 he won silver at European Championship.

Slalom canoeing

The original slalom canoeing centre was established in 1994 and first competitors came in on 1st April, 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. By now they have gathered a total of 108 medals from top-ranking international events (Olympics, WC, EC).

The embodiment of the club's pride represent two personalities of water slalom:

single canoeist Michal Martikán and the kayaker Elena Kaliská, both double Olympic champions, multiple medallists and world and European champions.



■ Elena Kaliská



■ Michal Martikán



■ Alexander Slafkovský

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 finally became a part of DUKLA Banská Bystrica again in 2010. 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.



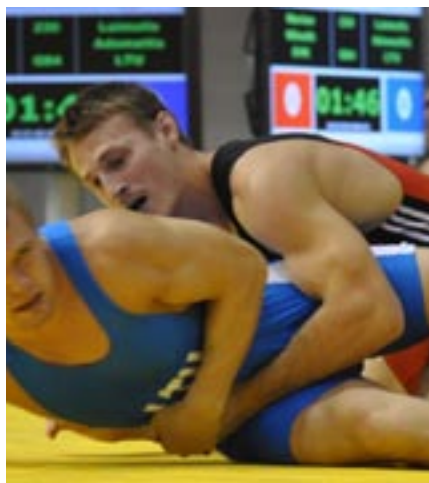
■ Martin Tešovič



■ Richard Tkáč

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. Jaroslav Meduna holds the first medal gain from the military competitions (1973) and the second medal was taken 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 Fernýák also Attila Bátky in Greco-Roman style with his bronze from the World Championship in 2003. In 2010 Filip Kőszeghy and Marián Mihálik took two bronze medals from the CISM WC, both in the Greco-Roman style.



■ Marián Mihálik

Whitewater racing

Whitewater racing has been covered by the Military Sport Centre since 1st November 1995. Ever since have the racers enriched the Dukla's compilation of achievements by a good few 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 is crew of Vladimír Vala and Jaroslav Slučík, 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. 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 year later the title of European champions from Boretto and two silver medals in patrols. At the 2010 World Championship in Sort won our downhill riders 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.

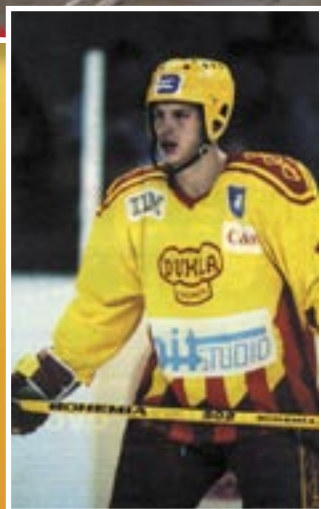
■ Ján Šutek – Štefan Grega



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, summer ski jumping and downhill skiing, autocross and motocross, orienteering, orienteering diving, sledding, powerlifting, fencing, tennis, triathlon, water polo, parachuting.

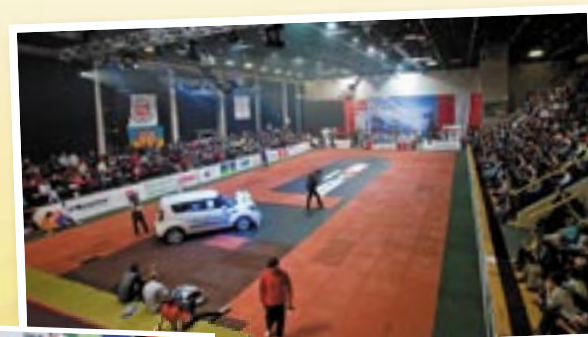
In Dukla Trenčín: basketball, boxing, artistic cycling, handball, ice hockey, yachting, equestrianism, kick-box, orienteering, swimming, finswimming, arm wrestling, radio orienteering, powerlifting, ski touring, dancesport, table tennis, chess, fencing, gymnastics, triathlon, rowing, volleyball.



Organised events

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

■ **Europa SC High jump** – formerly known as the “Banskobystrická latka” meeting – an international high jump competition enjoying the favour of the audience and supreme world ratings, an event with many years of tradition.



■ **Dudinská 50** – an international race walking, takes place since 1982 on last march Saturday, a part of the sports IAAF and EA schedule. Participation of 26 countries. In the last few years besides Slovak championships also Czech, Polish and Hungary championships.

■ **International Liptov Slalom**, takes place in Liptovský Mikuláš since 1985 in April, world best canoeists and kayakers are participating.

■ **International Tatra Slalom** – takes place in Liptovský Mikuláš since 1949 in May, world best canoeists and kayakers are participating.



■ **Cycling Days in Dubnica** – an international cycling event.



■ **Považie Weightlifting Cup.**



■ **SNP International Judo Tournament** – takes place since 1985 in Banská Bystrica, a part of the sports schedule for several years by now, ranked in the regional CISM category. After the tournament judokas go through a short training camp.

■ **DUKLA CUP** – international tournament of judo men and women teams. Takes place in January since 2010.



■ **Kritérium SNP** – international athletic competition since 1969 in Banská Bystrica.

■ **European Team Athletic Championship** – the former European Team Athletic Cup, Banská Bystrica hosted this event of European relevance already five times by now: in 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2009.



■ **Juraj Ondro Memorial in modern pentathlon** – takes place since 1993, enjoys international attendance of both junior and senior competitors.



■ **34th CISM World Championship in parachuting** – in 2009 DUKLA organised this event in Lučenec – Boľkovce. A 32 teams participated at the championship from all round the world.



■ **Nursery schools Olympic Games** – organised in co-operation with the city of Banská Bystrica since 1996 for the nursery schools. The games take place at the Stadium SNP in June.

BANSKÁ BYSTRICA

BANSKÁ BYSTRICA is the sixth largest city in Slovakia and the cultural and economic center of the Middle Slovakia region. Due to its central location, several national Slovak institutions have their seat here. The beautiful landscape which embraces the city offers a wide scale of possibilities for active spending of leisure time. The life of residents of Banská Bystrica is firmly tied together with the famous Radvanský fair, which presented mainly during the old times a spectacular show of craft products from the near and far surroundings.



-fascist uprising after the Yugoslav partisan war, during the Second World War.

Those events are by now commemorated by the SNP Memorial in shape of a halved heart and the natural military museum situated in the park near of the city center. The second half of the 20th century stroke the city with immense changes, as it developed to a modern metropolis and became eventually

the sixth largest city in Slovakia.

The city of Banská Bystrica was, among the first ones in Slovakia, classified as town monument reserve. To the most valuable historical relics count the area of the city castle (Barbican), the square with the Virgin Mary's and Holy Cross churches, Matej's House, barbican and remainders of the city fortification. The Slovak National Uprising square with its St. Mary's column and leaning clock tower forms the heart of the city.

The square is lined with pompous burgher houses, the most important among them are the Beniczky's and Thurzo's houses. The pedestrian zone continues down the square to the Dolná street, where the St. Elisabeth's Church and Bethlen's house are located. In that house, the Transylvanian prince, Gabriel Bethlen was claimed the king of Hungary. One can also find historical burgher houses in the Lazovná and Horná Strieborná streets.

HISTORY

During the Middle Ages represented the modern-days location of Banská Bystrica an optimal site for founding of a prosperous city. Two crucial trade routes crossed each other there and except of that, the surrounding countryside was rich in various ores. Soon, the main income source of the medieval city became the mining industry. Banská Bystrica belonged to the three richest mining cities of the then region of Middle Slovakia.

In the 18th century the economic structure of Banská Bystrica changed. Copper ore mining was replaced by mining and processing of iron ore. By the half of the 20th century, Banská Bystrica made its significant contribution to the world history. In August 1944, it gave birth to the Slovak National Uprising (SNP) and became its vital center. In the city broke out the second biggest national anti-



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