

## **Oradea, a city with an old tradition and special results in the Romanian water polo**

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### **Abstract**

Along the years, among all team games played in Oradea, the water polo has obtained the best results in the national and international competitions, has promoted numerous athletes in the national Olympic lots for seniors and juniors.

Nevertheless, the evolution of this discipline has never presented a special interest for those who have studied the history of sport in Oradea. Taking all this into account, we have considered that such a paper to be topical and that it would be useful to those interested in the history of sport in Oradea, and especially in the evolution of the polo in our city.

During the process of documentation we have studied encyclopedic works, monographs of the Romanian polo, articles from local and central newspapers, documents from the leadership forum of the polo in our country, as well as from the polo clubs from Oradea. For better information we have studied a rich iconographic material, we have talked to players, coaches, leaders and other persons who possessed documentary material concerning our theme.

This paper approaches aspects from the beginnings of the water polo in Oradea, its evolution, the most important results obtained by our teams during the national and international competitions, their contribution in the forming of the Olympic teams for seniors and juniors. We also present players, coaches and leaders who had a significant recognition locally and nationally.

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