

SPORTS FOOTBALL CLUB "HAJDUK" NIŠ 1938-1944

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SUMMARY

The sports life of a city is worth as much as the effort and other hardships invested in its duration, but also as much as the collective memory is ready to reach in the search for knowledge of such and such a life dedicated to sports. Years of existence, the number of awards and recognitions, are not the only measure of the quality of a sports team. The degree of spiritual commitment necessary for the club to function, ready to deal with all good results and adversity, is crucial. With this story, we want to draw attention to one such phenomenon and a sports organization that, neither in duration nor in recorded results, has not bounced back from the environment in which it exists, but with her energy and indomitable spirit, ultimately with the name "Hajduk", she left a memory and a trace in the hearts of contemporaries, which hardly anyone will be able to erase.

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INTRODUCTION

Football sports in one city, big and small protagonists are "the most important secondary things in the world". The world in itself is harsh and mild, harsh and benevolent, and in that bipolarity, every subject tries to function, respecting written and other rules. In that range between good and evil, far from opulence but also from mere poverty, a sports club captivated and captured the attention of the then residents of Palilila in Niš with their enthusiasm and resourcefulness.

That Sports Club "Hajduk" lasted only six years. And to that small history, in six incompletely written calendars, I, as a researcher, bow endlessly.

Founded in 1938,¹ as an expression of young people from Palilula, Niš, to use their physical skills and sports talent to creatively complement their free time, thus unwittingly writing new pages of the football history of Niš. Their aspirations for affirmation were framed by enthusiasts, to whom sports work was close to their heart and only with their support did "Hajduk" appear stable, powerful and penetrating, in accordance with the name it was given "at birth".



Photo 1. From the match "Hajduk" - "Gorica" 7:1, August 3, 1938..²

It should also be noted that the football track on Palilula in Nis was first played by "Jedinstvo", formed in 1932. However, we hardly found any trace of that club, and therefore no connection between "Jedinstva" and the future club "Hajduk". The first written mention of "Hajduk" is related to August 3, 1938 and the match with the team "Gorica". This photo and the written lines on its back testify to that.

¹ Encyclopedia of Nis - Sport, p. 483.

² From the collection of family photos of the late Milorad Mole Stankovic "Cekrk", a football player of "Hajduk" from Palilula – acquired by Branislav Tikic, B.Sc lawyer and publicist from Nis.

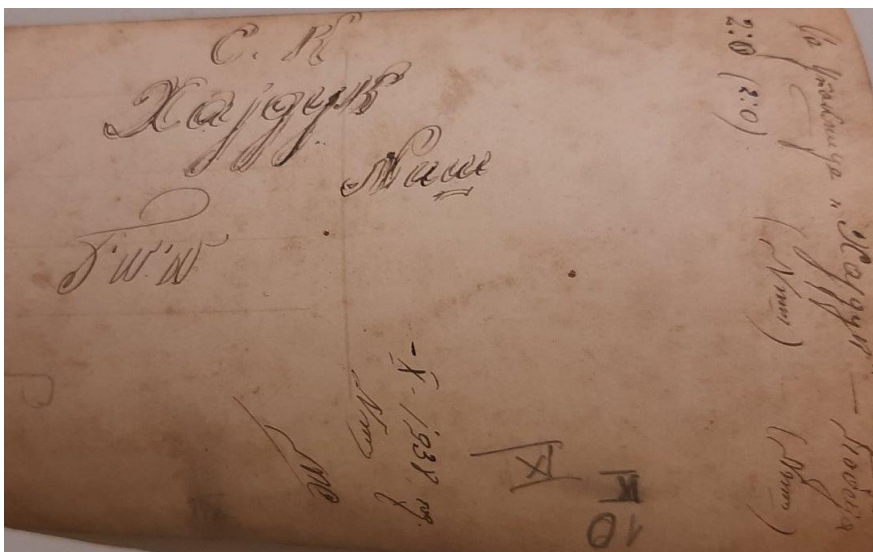


Photo 2. From the match "Hajduk" - "Pobeda" 2:0.

In the same year, when "Hajduk" was founded, "Gorica" was also formed.³ In the autumn of the same year, 1938, the next photo was taken, before or after a friendly duel with the multiple champion of the Niš parish (Niš first class) team "Pobeda". "Hajduk" footballers, even though it was a friendly match-up, took their

³ Encyclopedia of Nis – Sport, p.

task seriously and managed to win, with 2:0. By the way, "Hajduk" became a member of the Yugoslav football organization and was accepted at the session of the JNS Board of Directors on November 22, 1938. according to Article 9 of the federal rules, i.e. after all membership requirements have been met⁴.

The next serious clue, to which we relate our story, is certainly the participation of football players from Palilula "Hajduk" in the championship of Niš, in the season 1940/41. year. This is an important step forward in the emergence of "Hajduk", as a sports team, from anonymity, and also a great recognition for football fans, who were waiting to meet and compete with their colleagues from the "football elite" of Niš, to which "Pobeda" belonged, Sindelić, "Građanski" and "Yugoslavia", along with younger collectives like "Železničar" and "Czar Konstantin". It was a bad start when it comes to the start of "Hajduk" in the new championship. "Železničar" defeated the Palilula team, with 2:1⁵. In the literature, we found that the team "Hajduk" offered a worthy resistance to the oldest club from Niš, the team "Sindelić", it was tied 2:2. The match was "played on September 20, 1940." ⁶ According to another source, it is stated in the newspaper "Politika" this duel was played in November⁷. Soon after, "Hajduk" lost to the favored "Pobeda". The defeat of 4:1⁸, with the remark of the reporter of the newspaper "Vreme" that "Pobeda" provided a tough game, was certainly instructive for the football players, who are still insufficiently competitively experienced "Hajduk". In the continuation of the competition, on November 4, "Hajduk" "sold" its "skin expensively" to the football players from Bubanj. Namely, "Czar Constantine" was better than Palilula and recorded a 3:2 victory⁹. In the next round, somewhat expectedly, "Pobeda" defeated the "Hajduk" team 6:1 (2.1) ¹⁰, which was another illustration of superiority on the one hand and inexperience on the other. As our people would say, "every school is paid for, and the one that didn't learn the most." After that, "Hajduk" was free due to the odd number of clubs in the competition. Anyway, the thread adorns the work. The statements, which support our claims, that the management, profession and football players of "Hajduk"

⁴ Official organ of JNS newspaper "Sportista" number 1115 of 23.11.1938. – Information provided by Boban Jankovic, historian at IA in Nis and Nebojsa Jakovljevic, researcher of history of ex-ju football from Subotica.

⁵ "Politika" newspaper from September 17, 1940. Digital Library of Serbia, <http://www.digitalna.nb.rs/>,

⁶ Djordje Stamenkovic, "FC Sindjelic 1918 – 1968", p. 100, can be found in the People's Librararchiv in Nis.y "Stevan Sremac" in Nis and Historical

⁷ "Politika" newspaper from November 25, 1940. Digital Library of Serbia, <http://www.digitalna.nb.rs/>.

⁸ "Vreme" newspaper from September 24, 1940. Digital Library of Serbia, <http://www.digitalna.nb.rs/>.

⁹ "Pravda" newspaper from November 5, 1940. Digital Library of Serbia, <http://www.digitalna.nb.rs/>.

¹⁰ "Pravda" newspaper from November 9. 1940. Digital Library of Serbia, <http://www.digitalna.nb.rs/>.

made a lot of efforts to take place in the best competition of the city in Nišava, they were recorded in another newspaper article of the central newspapers of the then Yugoslav Kingdom. At a temporary farewell to their loyal fans, "hajduci" from Palilula outclassed their first neighbors from "Žožine kapija" and "Triangle", the team of "Yugoslavia", even with 11:0.



Newspaper article 1. "Vreme" newspaper from 12/16/1940.¹

"Hajduk" in the official gazettes of the Niš football sub-association in 1940/41 years

The official gazettes of the Niš football sub-association of the Serbian football association are the only relevant sources on the introduction of footballers to the name register, on the transfer of players from club to club and on punishment. In the small offer of data, which we found in the Historical Archive in Niš, there is this:

"Official Gazette of NLP SLS no. 34, Niš, Thursday 3 October 1940... Business Board, in Circular no. 6, at the session held on October 1, 1940. They

are verified: with the right to appear after 8 days from the day of reading: for S.K. Hajduk-Niš Stamenković A. Miodrag, Ristic M. Radomir and Đorđević M. Blessings.

Official Gazette of the N.L.P. SLS, Thursday, October 24, 1940. no. 37, Circular no. 9 The management board, at the meeting held on 22 October 1940... 1. The following are verified: a) With the right to speak 8 days from the day of reading: For S.K. Hajduk Niš Jocić M. Dragoslav, Križan B. Josip and Nikolić Ž. Ljubisa b) With the right to perform after 3 and 6 months: For S.K. Hajduk-Niš Joksimović D. Petar, former player of N.S.K.

8) according to the act of SC "Hajduk" Niš no. 188/40, the club is informed that the schedule of youth matches was made at the beginning of the championship competition, so it cannot be changed or supplemented now.

Official Glasnik N.L.P. of S.L.S., Thursday, November 7, 1940. , no. 39, Management Board, Circular no. 11 of November 5, 1940, 2. The verification of the player Mitić Živojin for SK Yugoslavia-Niš is canceled after he made a statement that he is returning to his home club SK Hajduk-Niš.

Official Gazette of the NLP SLS dated November 28, 1940. Executive Board of District No. 14 at the session held on November 26, 1940, 1. The following are verified: a) with the right to appear after 8 days from the day of reading: for S.K.: Hajduk-Niš Jovanović M. Borivoje.

Official Gazette of NLP SLS no. 1 Niš, Thursday, January 2, 1941. The management board at the session held on December 31, 1940, 8. It is ordered that within 10 days they deliver to the sub-association, namely: SC: Hajduk-Niš ID card and 3 pictures for the player Balto Karl... SC Hajduk-Niš for Kaličanina to Abdulahćerim.

b) With the right to appear after eight days from the day of reading: for SC Hajduk-Niš Đorđević M. Cvetko.

c) With the right to appear after three and six months: for SK: Hajduk-Niš, Zdravković M. Sreten, former player of SC Triglav-Niš."¹¹



Photo 2. From the match "Hajduk" - "Czar Konstantin" 0:0, March 9, 1941¹²

SC "Hajduk" during the German occupation of Nis

According to the available data, the first activities in the new circumstances of the German occupation of Niš and the Kingdom of Yugoslavia were recorded in December 1941 by the Hajduk Sport Club. Until then, the members of the management, the economist, the coach, football players and fans of the club shared less good and more evil with the rest of the people in Nis. The Yugoslav army dispersed into groups of naked, barefoot and hungry people, who went home, but many had to go to German prison camps when the occupiers called

¹¹ Official Gazette NLP SLS - IA in Nis.

¹² Encyclopedia of Nis – Sport, p. 483 . Can be found in the "Stevan Sremac" National Library in Nis and Historical Archive in Nis.

them to surrender. Those who remained joined the detachments of colonel, later General Dragoljub Mihailović, the others, a little later, in partisan units. In one nation, we got two liberation movements, which at first barely cooperated, and then even less and harder, and then became blood enemies. The third ones accepted the fact that the German administration must somehow be accepted. In that administration, the most prominent people in Serbia, gathered around Milan Aćimović, were looking for their place under the sun and little power. With the establishment of Aćimović's commissar administration in Serbia, conditions for the normalization of social life are being created. Creating opportunities for the continuation of sports life in occupied Serbia was not easy. It was really not easy to interest the citizens of Serbia, who were divided to ideologically "color" military formations, members and sympathizers of Milan Aćimović and his administration, and those families whose individual members were killed or were in German camps. That burden was borne by the sports workers in Serbia, with their ingenuity. The German occupation force can be overcome, at least on the football field. In this sense, the thoughts of football officials and citizens close to them were expressed. It was hard to resist such insight in which "the strong seed of patriotism germinates". There were also other urges, which implied the establishment of tolerable relations with the occupier or flattery. I guess that was also some form of resistance to the existing state of affairs. Creating an environment, as if nothing was happening to the people present in Serbia and the enslaved Yugoslavia, and that what was happening in the field of culture, art and sports had to cover up all the pain and misery, misery and poverty, suffering and Prometheus of a people, what is ours like, Serbian. It has a significant merit in this and the Government of National Salvation and Unity, under the leadership of Army General Milan Đ. Nedić. Fortunately, the football nation did not give in to the new task, no matter what connotations this way of doing sports workers carried with it. If nothing else, football, with the help of recognizable Serbian stubbornness, won at least one more, albeit pyrrhic, victory.

The summer of 1941 was marked by the competition for the Niš Cup in Niš. This competition was designed by the Niš Football Sub-Association, in order to shorten the break between the unfinished season 1940/41, year and the autumn season from the 1941/42 championship. Given that, if we have found the table of this cup competition, we can conclude that the football officials of Nis made a lot of efforts to bring the championship to an end. The "Serbia" team achieved average results: "Car Konstantine" - "Serbia" (former "Yugoslavia") 5:3, "Crđanski" - "Serbia" 4:2, "Serbia" - "Železničar" 3:0, "Pobeda" - "Serbia" 10:2 and "Serbia" - "Beograd mala" 4:1. Based on the table we have, "Sindelić" won all eight points from four games and took first place, followed by "Pobeda" and "Hajduk" with 6 each, "Građanski" with 5, while "Serbia" won the fifth place with four points,

ahead of "Belgrade mala" and "Car Konstantina" with 3 each and the last placed "Železničar", former champion of NLP, which collected only one point.¹³

In December 1941, as a worthy replacement for the former competition sponsored by Dragiša Cvetković, a great fan of Niš football, ex-minister and prime minister of the royal government, who was interned in Niška spa during the German and Bulgarian occupation, started the Winter Cup.

"In the fall of 1941, competitions within the NLP began in the group of teams of the first class of the city of Niš. The first part of the competition ended in January 1942. Seven Nis clubs participated in the competition".¹⁴

1.	„Car Konstantin“	6 4 1 1 13: 5 9
2.	„Gradjanski“	6 4 1 1 14:10 9
3.	„Hajduk“	6 3 1 2 9: 8 7
4.	„Radnicki“	6 3 0 3 13:13 6
5.	„Србија“	6 2 1 3 7:10 5
6.	„Beogradmala“	6 2 0 4 12:13 4
7.	„Niska banja“	6 1 0 5 10:19 2

This table is from January 16, 1942.¹⁵

Year 1942

Athletes in Nis, in a way, are already getting used to the hardships of war, scarcity and poverty, but they still try to keep their composure and after an extremely cold and snowy winter, they start training. In the press, from the first part of April, we find this news: "At the beginning of spring and the arrival of nice days, since some time ago, Niš's leading clubs started regular training."¹⁶ After success in the first season of the war, in the Winter Cup, "Hajduk" football players weakened a bit. In a friendly duel with the favored "Pobeda", played on May 8, "Hajduk" succumbed. It was 4:0 for "Pobeda". "The judge was federal judge Radovanović."¹⁷

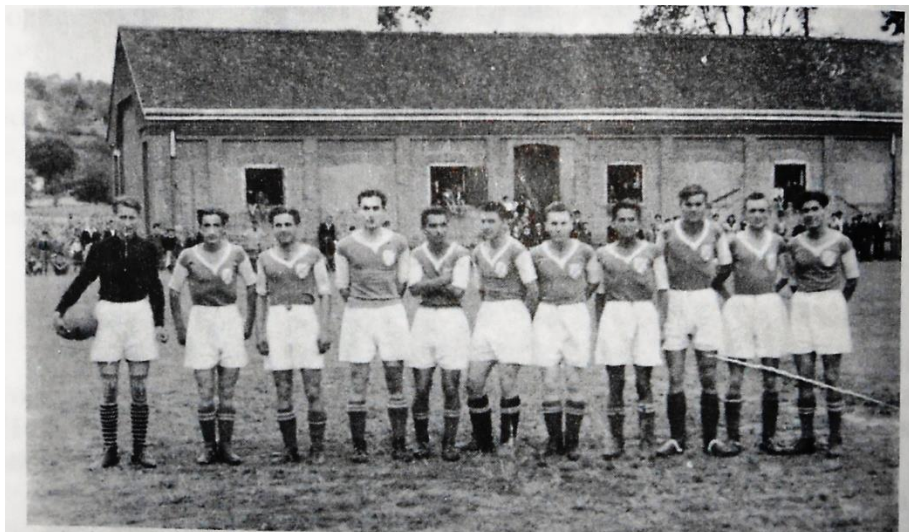
¹³ Milorad Sijic, "Football in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Local Museum of Zupa, Aleksandrovac, 2014, p. 373.

¹⁴ Djordje Stamenkovic, "FC Radnicki Nis 1923 – 1973", Gradina, Nis, p. 117. Can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" in Nis and Historical Archive in Nis.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ The newspaper "Novo vreme", from April 10, 1942, can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" and The Historical Archive in Nis.

¹⁷ The newspaper "Novo vreme", from May 9, 1942, can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" and The Historical Archive in Nis.



НСК "Хајдук" – Ниш 1942. године, с лева на десно: Младен Јовановић-Дене, Чедомир Вељковић-Куцов, Спасоје Талевић, Бошко Јовановић-Пудерисани и други.

Photo 3. "Hajduk" team, from the book "Železničar Niš"

Unfortunately, during the spring and summer, there are few saved results and data from the matches played by Niš clubs. Only since the beginning of July, in the competition for the Niš Cup, was a 4:1 victory of "Hajduk" over "Pobeda" recorded.¹⁸

The final competition table for the "Niš Cup" reveals to us that "Hajduk" made maximum progress from the Winter Cup to the summer cup competitions.

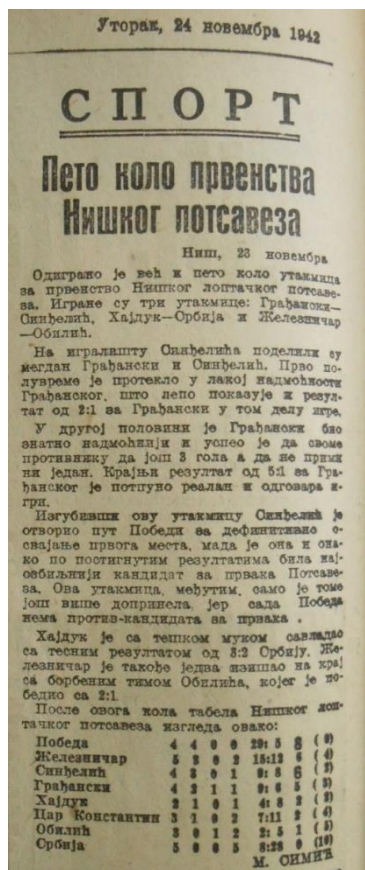
Табела Нишког пехара					
1) Победа	5	4	0	1	25:11 8 (2)
2) Хајдук	5	3	2	0	12: 6 8 (2)
3) Синђелић	5	4	0	1	14: 7 8 (2)
4) Грађански	5	2	1	2	9: 8 5 (5)
5) Србија	6	2	0	4	15:22 4 (8)
6) Београд-мала	5	1	1	3	7:11 3 (7)
7) Цар Константин	5	1	1	3	7:14 3 (7)
8) Железничар	7	1	1	5	8:19 3 (11)

"Hajduk" team is in second place.

Newspaper article 2, "Novo vreme", from August 20, 1942

¹⁸ The newspaper "Novo vreme", from May 9, 1942, can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" and The Historical Archive in Niš.

In the autumn part of the Nis group competition, "Hajduk" played with variable success.



Newspaper article 3. "Novo vreme", newspaper from November 24, 1942

In the regular, seventh round, "Hajduk" and "Car Konstantin" shared the points. "They played tied 2:2."¹⁹

The last table, made in that year, 1942, looked like this:

1.	„Pobeda“	6	6	0	0	37:8	12
2.	„Železnicar“	6	4	0	2	24:15	8
3.	„Gradjanski“	6	3	1	2	19:12	7
4.	„Sindjelic“	6	3	0	1	9:8	6
5.	„Hajduk“	4	1	1	2	9:12	3
6.	„Car Konstantin“	5	1	1	3	12:22	3
7.	„Srbija“	6	1	0	5	10:28	2
8.	„Obilic“	5	0	1	4	3:12	1 ²⁰

Year 1943

The performance of "Hajduk" football players in the competitive season 1942/43 year of the Niš group, the Niš football sub-association was unsatisfactory: "Pobeda" - "Hajduk" 6:1, "Železnicar" - "Hajduk" 4:0, "Sindjelić" - "Hajduk" 4:2 and "Hajduk" - "Obilić" 1:1.²¹ However, there were also successful games by the team from Palilula, as evidenced by the following newspaper article.

¹⁹ "Pobeda" is at the head of the Nis championship". The newspaper "Novo vreme", from December 4, 1942, can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" and The Historical Archive in Nis.

²⁰ The newspaper "Novo vreme", from December 2, 1942, can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" and The Historical Archive in Nis.

²¹ Milorad Sijić, "Football in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia", p. 374. Local Museum of Župa, Aleksandrovac 2014.

ПОБЕДА ЈЕ ПРВАК НИША

Ниш: Овде је одиграна важна фудбалска утакмица између Победе и Грађанског за првенство Нишког лоптачког потсавета. За цело време игре Победа је била много надмоћнија. Крајњи резултат је 5:0 на Победу Голове су дали: Миљковић 3 и Станковић и Гојковић по 1. Утакмицу је судио, као и увек без грешака, Малешица. Обилић и Орбија поделили су бодове. Резултат: 2:2. Хајдук је савладао Цара Константина са 3:2. Победа је после ове утакмице са Грађанским дефинитивно заузела прво место на табели нишког првенства и на тај начин се квалификовала у завршне борбе за првенство Нишког лоптачког потсавета. Табела нишког првенства сада овако изгледа:

Победа	13	10	3	0	67:18	23
Синђелић	11	8	1	2	27:16	17
Железничар	13	7	3	3	38:29	17
Грађански	13	5	2	6	31:27	12
Хајдук	11	4	3	4	18:36	11
Цар Константин	12	2	3	7	24:39	7
Обилић	12	1	4	7	13:25	6
Орбија	13	1	2	10	20:47	4

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Newspaper article 4. "Novo vreme", newspaper from April 27, 1943

17. МАЈ 1943.
ПРВЕНСТВО НИША ЈЕ ПРИ КРАЈУ

Ниш, 16 маја

Нишко првенство се већ сасвим приближило крају. Остале су још само две неодигране утакмице. Међутим, резултати са последњих утакмица допринели су да се и до последњих утакмица не зна ко ће заузети прво, а ко друго место, а та два су најинтересантнија због уласка у завршно такмичење за првенство Нишког лоптачког потсавета.

Железничар је прегазео борбени тим Хајдука са 4:0, а са истим резултатом са 4:0 победио је Синђелић Србију, а Цар Константин Грађанског. Овај последњи резултат претставља велико изненађење, јер се није претпостављало да ће Грађански уопште изгубити ову утакмицу а још мање са оваквим резултатом. Затим, је Синђелић савладао Хајдук са 4:2 а Обилић Цара Константина са 3:1.

На завршетку нишког првенства отпочеће завршно такмичење за титулу првака Нишког лоптачког потсавета. У томе ће такмичењу учествовати првак Ниша, првак Лесковачке жупе, првак Зајечарске жупе и као четврти партнер – онај клуб који се пласира после међусобних утакмица између другопласираног нишког клуба, првака Алексинца, првака Беле Паланке и претставника Нишке Бање.

М. Симић

From the book "Niš in the newspaper Novo vreme"²²

²² Milena Žikić and Boban Janković "Niš in the newspaper Novo vreme 1941-1944" Historical Archive of Niš and the Faculty of Philosophy in Niš, 2014, p. 341. Can be found in the Historical Archive in Niš and the "Stevan Sremac" National Library in Niš.

1. Pobeda	14 11 3 0 71:19 25
2. Sindjelic	14 10 2 2 36:22 22
3. Zeleznicar	14 8 3 3 42:29 1
4. Gradjanski	14 5 2 7 31:31 12
5. Hajduk	14 4 4 6 21:46 12
6. Car Konstantin	14 3 3 8 29:42 9
7. Obilic	14 2 5 7 17:27 9
8. Srbija	14 1 2 11 20:51 4 ²³

In June, one of the best clubs in Nis, Pobeda, celebrated its 20th anniversary. The tournament, which was held on Sunday, All Souls' Day, and on All Souls' Day Monday, brought together the teams of "BSK" from Belgrade, "Srbija" from Niš and the celebration team "Pobeda". Some "Hajduk" players also had their place at this festival. After the opening matches, which featured the youngest football "Pobeda" (born in 1928-30), the performances of track and field athletes "Železničar" and "Pobeda", veterans of "Serbia" and "Pobeda" met in and triumphed 3:0. Then "Srbija" played a draw with "Sindelić" 1:1, and the performance of the cyclists followed. This was followed by the main point of the program, which "Hajduk" football players were also a part of: goalkeeper Jovanović, defenders Sekulović and Čedomir Veljković, centre half Boško Jovanović-"Puderisani" as well as forwards Miodrag Stanković - "Mile Čekrk" and Spasoje Talević.²⁴ This program point at the ceremony included a duel between the combined team from Niš, composed of players from "Serbia" and "Hajduk", who faced the team of "BSK" from Belgrade. According to expectations, "BSK" was better, 7:1 (4:1).

Soon after, on July 4, "Hajduk" celebrated the fifth anniversary of the club's existence, on Vidovdan (June 28) 1943. On this occasion, at the "Železničara" playground, near the railway line Nis - Pirot - Caribrod (Dimitrovgrad), sports workers of "Hajduk" tried their best to organize the event well, which included: "athletic cross country, football tournament, cutting of the celebratory cake with the singing of their club anthem."²⁵

²³ Data provided by Nebojša Jakovljević, football history researcher from Subotica.

²⁴ See Miladin Ilić Majstor "Železnica" - Niš 1928-1995" Niš 1995. p. 114 - can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" in Niš and the Historical Archive in Niš.

²⁵ Encyclopedia of Niš, volume Sport - p. 383, can be found in the "Stevan Sremac" National Library in Niš and the Historical Archive in Niš.



Са утакмице Хајдук – Србија (3:2) на прослави јубилеја СК Победа о Духовима 1943. на игралишту Победе. Слева: М. Јовановић, С. Талевић, Б. Вељковић, Б. Јовановић, М. Михајловић, А. Кекелевић, Н. Јовановић, М. Станковић, С. Младеновић, М. Вучковић, М. Станковић. [А. Б. Ф.]

Photo 4. In the newspaper "Ilustrovana Politika", the football players' names are from the book "Zelezničar Niš 1928-1995".

Also, the founders of the club and prominent players were awarded, for that wartime, rare, printed in color, memorials.²⁶ And on March 1, 1944, the leadership of the club presented printed diplomas to the most valuable sportsmen as a sign of gratitude.²⁷

²⁶ Branislav Tikić "Sport was a balm for every wound" - Newspaper "Ilustrovana politika".

²⁷ See Encyclopaedia Niš, Volume Sport - p. 383, which can be found in the National Library "Stevan Sremac" in Niš and the Historical Archive in Niš.

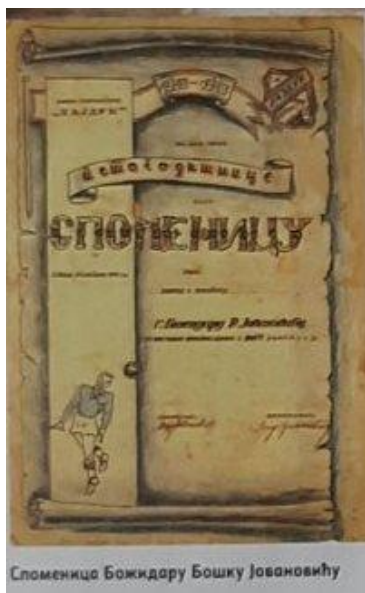


Photo 5 Memorials of SC "Hajduk" from Niš to Božidar Boško Jovanović "Puderisan" - from the newspaper "Ilustrovana Politika."

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Photo 6 Božidar Boško Jovanović "Powdered" from his younger days.²⁹

The end of July was marked by the Sports Day in Nis, the goal of which had a humanitarian character. Namely, all the income from the sports events that were held on July 28 in Nis, was paid for the purchase and preparation of packages for the Nis-prisoners in labor camps in Germany and Norway. Among other things, within the program, the football players of the two youngest and most advanced clubs, "Hajduka" and "Serbia" met.³⁰

In August, "a two-day football tournament was held on the playground of the local "Železničar" in which the Niš clubs took part: Sindelić, Železničar, Srbija and Hajduk. On the first day, Sindelić and Hajduk met in the preliminary game, and Železničar and Serbia in the main game. The first game ended in a draw 3:3. The

²⁸ Branislav Tikić "Sport was a balm for every wound" - Newspaper "Ilustrovana politika".

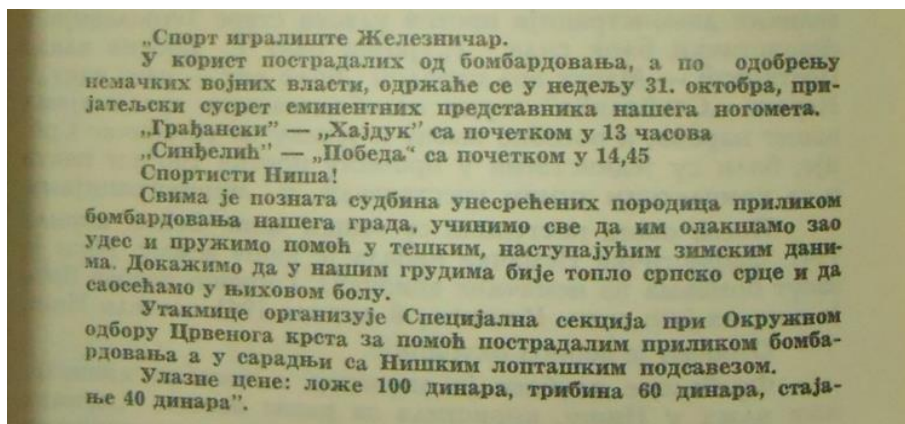
²⁹ From the collection of family photos of the deceased Milorad Mile Stanković "Čekrk", a former football player of "Hajduk" from Palilula - obtained by Branislav Tikić, B.Sc. lawyer and publicist from Nis

³⁰ "Big sports day in Nis" newspaper "Novo vreme" dated 7/29/1943.

opponents were equal and the result corresponds to the game".³¹ In the next match, according to the same source, *Železničar* defeated the Serbian team 3:0. In the second on the day of the tournament, the realistic outcome of the match between Serbia and *Hajduk* was 2:0, while *Železničar* won 1:0 against the team of *Železničar*.³²

From the work of the NLP, we found decisions concerning the players of the *Hajduk Sports Club* from Niš. In the Official Gazette of October 2, 1943. , more precisely in Circular no. 3 of the Criminal Board... "2. Suspended from performing his duties in the Mihajlović Milan club, member S.K. *Hajduk-Niš* until there is a hearing..."³³

The Second World War was a great misfortune for the people as a whole, and Niš, among a group of several cities, also suffered from Allied bombs in 1943. During the first bombardment by the Anglo-American forces, "major material damage was caused to important strategic objects in the city." ... After the Allied bombing, Niš was plastered with posters with mostly the following contents:



From the book "FC Sindelić 1918-1968"³⁴

Here are the complete results of the autumn part of the competition of the group Niš of the Niš sub-association for the season 1943/44.

October 10, 1943. Sindelić-Građanski 5:0, *Železničar*-Car Konstantin 5:2, Serbia-Hajduk 2:1.

October 17, 10.1943. Car Konstantin-Hajduk 2:1, Obilić-Serbia 0:0, *Pobeda*-*Železničar* 2:1.

³¹ "Successful football tournament in Nis" newspaper "Novo vreme" dated August 7, 1943, p. 4.

³² See "Successful football tournament in Nis", newspaper "Novo vreme" dated August 7, 1943, p. 4.

³³ From the documentation of the Negotin football club "Hajduk Veljko" - Historical Archive in Negotin.

³⁴ Djordje Stamenkovic, "FC Sindjelic 1918 - 1968." "Prosveta" Nis, p. 108.

October 24, 1943. Sindelić-Pobeda 1:0, Serbia-Car Konstantin 3:0, Železničar-Hajduk 4:2.

November 14, 1943. Serbia-Građanski 3:1, Železničar-Obilić 2:1, Sindelić-Hajduk 1:1.

November 28, 1943. Serbia-Pobeda 3:0, Sindelić-Car Konstantin 6:2, Hajduk-Obilić 2:1.

December 05, 1943. Obilić-Car Konstantin 2:2, Sindelić-Železničar 5:2, Pobeda-Građanski 5:1.

December 12, 1943. Sindelić-Srbija 1:0, Pobeda-Car Konstantin 5:0, Građanski-Obilić 4:1.

December 26, 1943. Građanski-Hajduk 1:0, Pobeda-Obilić 21:0, Srbija-Železničar 1:0.

Group Niš - autumn part:

1. Sindjelic	7 6 1 0 23:7 13
2. Srbia	7 4 2 1 12:4 10
3. Pobeda	7 5 0 2 37:8 10
4. Zeleznicar	7 4 1 2 18:15 9
5. Gradjanski	7 3 0 4 10:17 6
6. Hajduk	7 1 1 5 9:15 3
7. Car Konstantin	7 1 1 5 8:23 3
8. Obilic	7 0 2 5 7:35 2

In the spring part, only one round was played:

April 02, 1944. Sindelić-Građanski 2:1, Železničar-Car Konstantin 2:2, Serbia-Hajduk 2:2.³⁵

³⁵ The results and the table were submitted by Nebojša Jakovljević, a researcher of the history of ex-ju football from Subotica.



Photo 7. From the newspaper "Illustrated Politics"

CONCLUSION

As a whole, the sports club "Hajduk" fulfilled its social role, shaping the social intelligence of the young people of Palilula and their aspiration to express their need for physical and spiritual advancement and proof even in the difficult times before the occupation of Niš and during the Second World War. The small history of this football team is not and cannot be an obstacle in highlighting the rich history written by the residents of Palilula in Niš, which leaves no one indifferent. However, with the end of the German occupation and the liberation of Nis, which was led by partisan units and the forces of the new Bulgarian state, "Hajduk" ends its work. It is unclear what the collaboration consisted of and similar qualifications that could be heard in the social circles of that era in Nis. Anyway, the historical mistake has never been corrected, and this is just one small attempt to remove the "dust of oblivion" from an honorable football name.

If it's any consolation to the residents of Palilula, the residents of this part of Niš organized themselves in 1953 and created a new club called "Palilulac". However, it can hardly be said that "Palilulac" is a logical continuation of what Niš sports club "Hajduk" propagated and stood for.



Photo 8. Management of SC "Hajduk" Nis from the period of 1940 – 1942³⁶

Football clubs in Niš, before the beginning of the Second World War and during the German occupation, had not only sporting goals, but also nurturing the patriotic motives of young people, necessary to preserve the national spirit even in the most difficult moments of human existence. In accordance with that, sports and especially football organizations, in which the young world expressed their need for learning and advancement in the field of physical training and competitive proving, represents a kind of culture of living and quiet, civil protest against war, fratricide and bloodshed in general.

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СПОРТСКИ/ФУДБАЛСКИ КЛУБ „ХАЈДУК“ НИШ 1938-1944.Г.

САЖЕТАК

Спортски живот једног града, вреди онолико колико је труда и других прегнућа уложено у његово трајање, али и колико је колективно сећање спремно да досегне у трагању за спознајом тог и таквог живота посвећеног спорту. Године постојања, број одличја и признања, нису једина мера квалитета једног спортског колектива. Пресудан је степен духовне посвећености, неопходне, да клуб функционише, спреман да се носи са свим dobrim резултатима и недаћама. Овом причом желимо да скренемо пажњу на један такав феномен, спортске организације која ни трајањем ни забележеним резултатима, није одскакала од средине у којој битише, али је енергијом и

несаломивим духом, у крајњим линији и именом „Хајдук“, уткала у срца савременика успомену и траг, који ће, тешко ко моћи да избрише.

Кључне речи: Хајдук, фудбал, Ниш, Палилула

СПОРТИВНЫЙ ФУТБОЛЬНЫЙ КЛУБ "ГАЙДУК" НИШ 1938-1944 ГГ.

АННОТАЦИЯ

Спортивная жизнь населения города свидетельствует о массе приложенных усилий и аспектах деятельности общества, обеспечивающих ее развитие, а также о знаниях, которые отражены в коллективной памяти о деятельности, посвященной спорту. Годы существования, количество наград и признаний – не единственный показатель качества спортивной команды. Решающее значение имеет степень духовной самоотдачи, необходимой для функционирования клуба, готового справиться с любыми удачами и невзгодами. Повествуя эту историю, мы хотим привлечь внимание к одному из таких явлений и спортивной организации, которая ни по продолжительности, ни по зарегистрированным результатам не вышла за пределы той среды, в которой существует. Своей энергией и неукротимым духом, наконец, названием "Гайдук", она оставила память и след, который вряд ли под силу кому-нибудь стереть из сердец современников.

Ключевые слова: Гайдук, футбол, Ниш, Палилула

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