

## ABSTRACT

The history of sport is currently a very progressive scientific discipline and occupies an important position within modern historiography. Several circumstances contribute to its development, e.g.: the attractiveness for readers, the lack of compact literature, the need for systematization, the susceptibility of older publications to a one-sided Marxist view of the historical development of sport etc. The task of sport history is, among other things, to explain scientifically the origin and development of sport in connection with the general conditions of life in society.<sup>1</sup> I have tried to fulfil this task in this thesis, which deals with the history of LTC Pardubice from its foundation in 1922 to the symbolic year 1945.

My main goal was to show how sports enthusiasts in the first half of the 20th century managed to build a thriving club from the very beginning and establish a tradition of junior tournaments that few tennis clubs in the Czech Republic can currently boast.

I gained knowledge about the past mainly by using the direct method, so I drew historical facts by direct study of sources, especially from the fund of LTC Pardubice 1920-1960, which is stored in SOkA Pardubice. The writing of this synthetic work was of course preceded by the classical methods of historical science – heuristics, criticism, analysis and interpretation of sources and specialist literature.

The result of my research is a work in which the readers can learn how the LTC Pardubice was built and developed between 1922 and 1945, what was the sporting, social and organizational activity of the membership of this tennis club, whose merit it is that tennis became one of the main sports in the city, which eventually made it famous not only throughout the Czechoslovak Republic, but even beyond its borders, and thanks to which Pardubice is called, among other attributes, also the city of sport. Last but not least, the thesis also focuses on how LTC Pardubice was affected by the political and economic situation in the first half of the 20th century, i.e. how the club fared during the Great Depression and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

## KEYWORDS

Pardubice, history, sport, tennis, hockey, table-tennis, LTC Pardubice, 1st half of the 20th century

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<sup>1</sup> Ján GREXA – Milena STRACHOVÁ, *Dějiny sportu*, Brno 2018, s. 8.