

The beginnings of football in Oradea

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Abstract

Oradea was one of the first cities in our country where the game of soccer was practiced. The paper proposes to address the main points related to the beginnings of football in Oradea, starting from the context of the evolution of football in Europe and its introduction into Romania. The study is based on the research of documents from the National Archives of Romania, Bihor County, mainly articles in the local press.

The first record of the game of football in the local press is from the *Nagyvárad* newspaper on April the 27th 1902, describing the main rules of the game and a brief history of this sport discipline. In other editions of the same newspaper - April 27, May 25, 29 and 1st of June 1902 - a number of items that promote this new sport discipline and offer readers information appear on the preparation for the official presentation of football to the public in Oradea. In the 129th edition, in the XXXIII year, 3 June 1902, a report of the first football game in our city were described, an event which took place in Rhedy Park on Sunday, 2 June 1902.

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