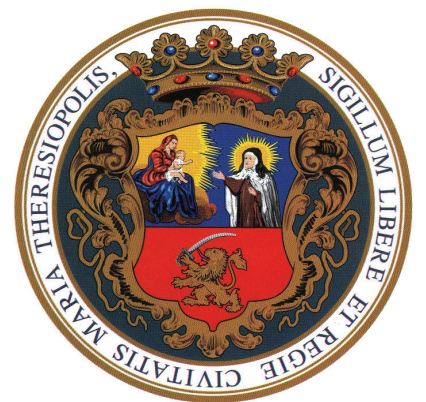
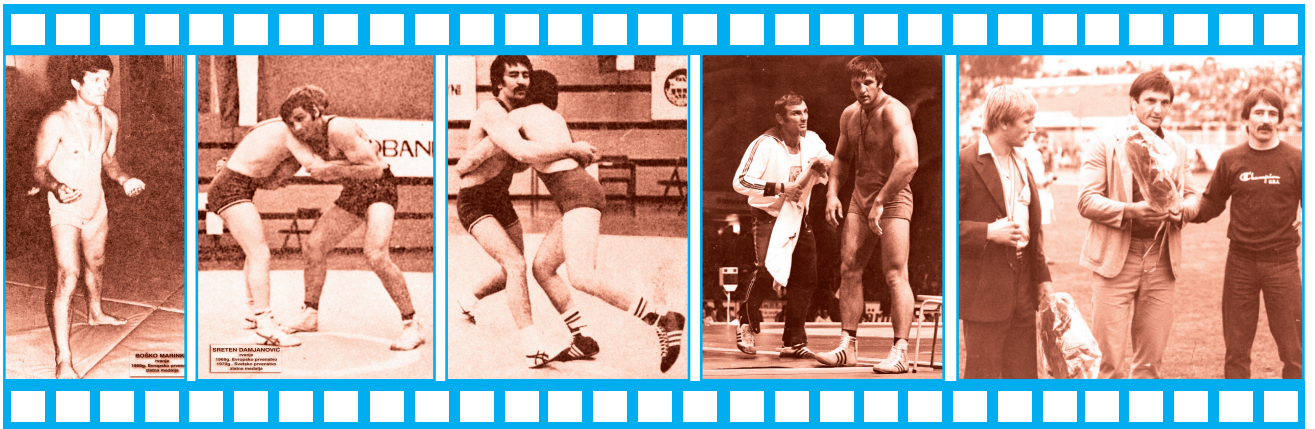


2015 Cadet European Wrestling Championships





Željko Trajković

President of the Wrestling Federation of Serbia

There was absolutely no dilemma when it came to supporting Subotica in organization of a big competition like the European Cadet European Championships in Freestyle, Women's Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling. Subotica is the city, proud of its exceptional tradition in this sport.

If you look at all the medals standing in the club's showcases you will get the impression that the Wrestling club Spartak is worth of such an organization. However, the medals are just a small piece in the mosaic of everything that the wrestling club Spartak has given to the Yugoslav and nowadays Serbian wrestling.

Army of true sport lovers, army of athletes of all categories, army of sports officials and trainers, who were often the leading experts in the national teams and especially healthy sports people are standing in a support of the wrestling club Spartak.

Wrestling club Spartak has tremendous support from the local government in Subotica. Subotica has excellent conditions for holding such a competition. The Sport Hall of Subotica meets all the competition standards, it is located at the end of one of the biggest walking alleys in Subotica, and is an integral part of the sports and recreation complex in Dudova's forest, an oasis of oxygen in the center of the city.

During my career I have often been in Subotica and I always had the same feeling. Subotica and the wrestling club Spartak were, as they are now, able to accept eagerly all the sports people, especially those in wrestling. Since, I am carrying only the good memories from Subotica, I am sure that all the participants will have only the good impressions from this beautiful city in the north of the Republic of Serbia. Medals are, unfortunately, reserved only for the best ones, but that is why Subotica is hosting this beautiful sport event for all the others.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Subotica in 2015. We cordially greet all the young wrestlers, their coaches, team representatives and once again, we would like to welcome you, wishing to make you feel like home.



Andrija Romić

President of the Wrestling club Spartak

I am honored due to the fact that the Wrestling Federation of Serbia has recognized the Wrestling club Spartak together with the City of Subotica eligible for organizing the 2015 Cadet European Wrestling Championships.

The honor is great, but I believe that the Federation did not support us by accident. Since 19th century, Subotica has the epithet of the „city of sports”. The city of Subotica took good care of such a status, even during the most difficult times. A great deal in it has the Wrestling club Spartak and all its wrestlers through the years.

It is no coincidence that wrestling is one of the most successful sports in the region. Good work with young people has always been the main characteristic of Spartak, and each year great wrestlers go out from our schools. We are proud that the Wrestling club Spartak was 21 times the team champion of the state, and that our wrestlers have won 32 medals at major championships such as European, World and Olympics. Such a pedigree and such a history are something that can not be bought with money. Simply, when you enter the training hall of the Wrestling club Spartak, you can feel all the spirits of great wrestlers, coaches and sports officials who have worked or are still working in our club.

As we are proud of the results and our competitors, thus we are proud of our organizational skills. Subotica has organized successfully in 2002 the European Championships for juniors, and for nine years in a row, it organizes the cadet tournament „Refik Memisevic Brale”, one of the most respected tournaments in Europe.

Subotica and the Wrestling club Spartak are ready to welcome all the wrestlers and to give them the opportunity to fight for the brightest medal in the sport arena. On behalf of the Wrestling club Spartak and the City of Subotica, we wish you a warm welcome.



Subotica – city with 200 names



Subotica was mentioned for the first time on the 7th May 1391, but it is even older. It was found that people have lived in this region over 3000 years ago. The fate of Subotica was essentially determined by its position between Europe and Asia on the border of two opposing historical forces of Hungary and Turkey. The frequent and large migrations, many nations settled it: Serbs, Hungarians, Germans, Slovaks, Jews, Bunjevci, Greeks... The name of the city was often changed. From the first name Zabatka in 1391 – the city has changed more than two hundred names, but most characteristic names are: Szent-Maria, Maria-Theresiopolis, Maria Theresienstadt, Szabadka and Subotica.

While at the crossroads, Subotica has always been a place of turbulent historical events. Therefore, the duke of Transylvania, Janos Pongrac of Dengelega have built a fortress in 1470, but it did not resist the time.

Subotica became the modern Central European city in the late 19th and early 20th century. The city at that time experienced a remarkable urban, industrial, architectural and cultural prosperity. Faster development of trade, industry and commerce has become faster in 1869, with the arrival of the first train. The modern industry started its development at the end of the 19th century, with the companies like: „Hartman and Konen” meat export, „Klotild” founded in 1904 and the Ruf brothers, who began producing candies in 1917.



The first high school, was founded in Subotica in 1747, the Music School in 1868, home for the elderly in 1766, Palic Lake became a health resort in 1845, the first printing house was established in 1844, the first paper came out in 1848, the first movie performance was presented by Angelo Bianchi from Pecuj in 1899, Alexander Lifka opened the first movie theater in 1910, Duro Stantić has won the first Olympic medal in Athens in 1906 and Ivan Saric flew with the plane of his own construction in 1910.

Source: Krstic Bosko Subotica, Subotica: Public Enterprise „Palic- Ludaš”, 2nd edition in 1996, 5th edition in 2007.

Subotica – the city of sports

Subotica was and still is known as the „City of spots” in Serbia, as it has been in the territory of the former Yugoslavia. Subotica deserved this title because it was always open for numerous sports activities.



According to the records of the Sports Association of Subotica, the city of 120.000 citizens has 147 registered clubs. This is certainly a great figure. During the time of economic crisis, all the teams managed to survive and achieve new outstanding results. Among these 147 clubs, there are a lot of those from the sports family of the club „Spartak”. The number and quality of the Sports Society Spartak goes side by side with the best sports societies in Serbia, such as: Partizan, Crvena Zvezda and Vojvodina.



You can practice all kinds of sports in Subotica from basketball, soccer, wrestling, table tennis, volleyball, water polo, handball, swimming, hockey, darts, bowling to fishing... It clearly shows the openness of the city and the reason for getting the flattering title. Subotica today is a sports city with the quantity, but also quality. Wrestlers, handball, football and volleyball players, bowlers, table tennis players, cyclists and hockey players are participating at the highest rank competitions.

Subotica is the city that loves and takes care of sports, implementing many sport activities and events. Since 1961, the choice of the best athletes of the year is being held in Subotica and in 2000, Subotica hosted the choice of the best athletes of the 20th century.

Subotica – the city of sports events

Subotica in its sports history has been the host of many big sports events. In the 19th century Palic Olympic games took place in Subotica and on Palic Lake. In that time, Lajos Vermes before the famous Pierre de Coubertin revived the memory of the former ancient Olympic Games.



In the past ten years, Subotica was famous for organizing sports events. In 2002, European championship in wrestling for juniors was successfully organized. Twenty countries participated and impressions were excellent. Subotica also hosted a number of great volleyball competitions. In 2009, Subotica hosted qualifications for the World Senior Championship for female volleyball players and in 2013 hosted qualifications for World Cup for juniors. In the meantime, Subotica hosted 4 times the Euroleague competition for female volleyball players.



In a series of competitions, there is one that stands out. It is the European Championships in table tennis for mixed doubles, for two years in a row, in 2009 and 2010. When we talk about table tennis, it must be said that 39th Memorial Tournament „Vilim Harangozo” will be held during 2014.



Among the competitions with the tournament character there are several worth mentioning. The memorial „Stevan Čele Vilotić” for youth football national teams, which has been held for twenty years. The memorial „Refik Memišević Brale” has experienced its ninth edition and a professional tournament for tennis players „Palic Open” its tenth.

Subotica – the city of hotels, amazing food flavors and wine of the Gods

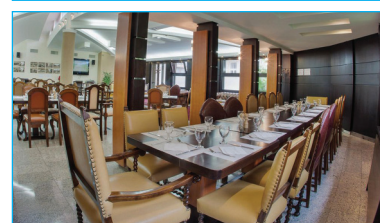
For those who have decide to visit Subotica, the city offers a rich tourist offer. In the city center there are three four-star hotels, Gallery, Gloria and Patria, and there's a number of other hotels and restaurants.



The city of Subotica with the nearby tourist places to visit, such as Spa and Palic lake offers to all the visitors, a sightseeing of the series of spectacular buildings and the true architectural jewels, witnessing that Subotica seemed to be an important place on the map of this part of Europe.



The flavors of food from Vojvodina with traditional cuisine from Bačka are very attractive for all the tourists. The famous wines from the sand are just the proof of how divine vine from this region are.





Subotica – the city of wrestling

It is no wonder, since the wrestling club Spartak is the most successful club in the city. Wrestlers brought to Subotica 21 championship titles, and a total of 32 European, World and Olympic medals - gold, bronze and silver. All the big titles that could be won, are proudly kept in the club Spartak.

Among the gold medal the most important are the ones from Olympics games. Momir Petkovic brought Olympic gold from Montreal in 1976 and Refik Memišević brought the silver from Los Angeles in 1984. Speaking of the Olympic games, Subotica's wrestling was introduced at the world's biggest festival of sport by Mirko Boros and Franjo Palkovic in 1928 in Amsterdam. This was followed by performances of Kalman Kis, Bela Cuzdi, Bela Torma, Stipan Dora, Sreten Damjanovic, Bosko Marinko, Karlo Covic, Refik Memisevic, Momir Petkovic, Karolj Kasap, Senad Rizvanovic and Davor Stefanek.

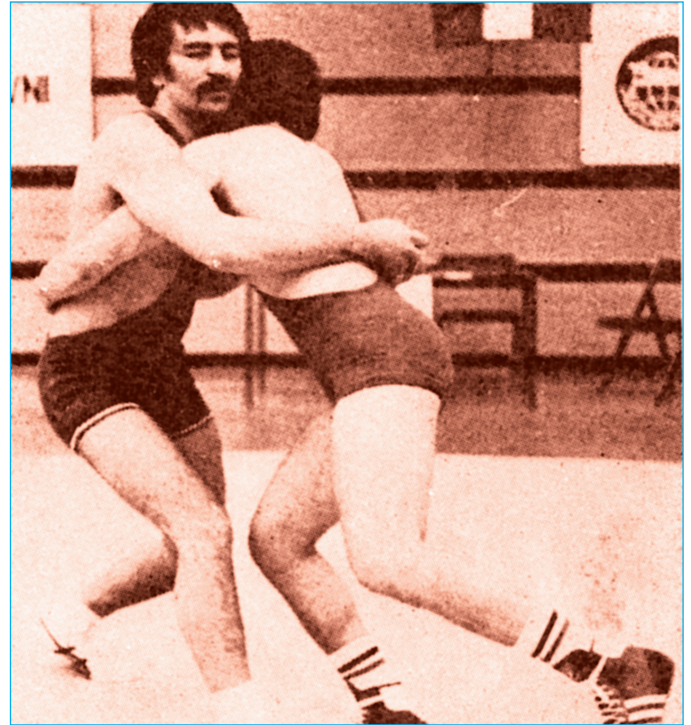


Rvački klub Spartak

Prvaci Srbije 2010g.

Subotica has gold medals in wrestling at the World senior Championships by Sreten Damjanovic and Refik Memisevic, a senior European gold, won by Bosko Marinko, Sreten Damjanovic and Senad Rizvanovic. Davor Stefanek has won junior world gold.

Looking at the results listed, words from the coach of the WC Spartak and the Serbian national coach, Sreten Damjanovic, are not a surprise: „The Wrestling club Spartak is the best club in the world”!



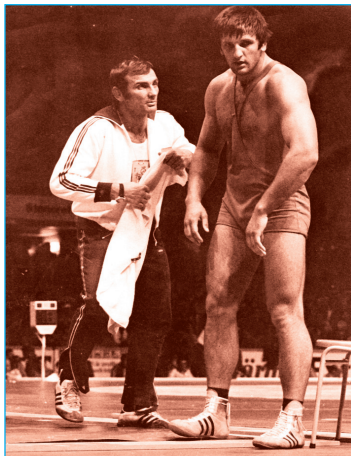
Best of the best

In the plead of quality wrestlers from Subotica's school of wrestling, there are 8 wrestlers standing out because of their performance and the biggest number of medals won at the biggest competitions.



One club three World Championships medals from Oslo 1981: Karolj Kasap, Refik Memisevic and Momir Petkovic

Bosko Marinko (1966 European Championships – silver; in 1969 European Championships – gold; in 1970 European Championships – silver; in 1970 World Championships - Bronze), **Karlo Covic** (in 1969 European Championships - silver), **Sreten Damnjanovic** (in 1969 World Cup – silver; in 1969 European Championships – gold; in 1970 European Championships – silver; in 1970 World Championships – bronze; in 1971 World Championships – gold; in 1973 European Championships – Bronze; in 1973 World Championships - Bronze), **Momir Petkovic** (in 1976 the Olympic games - gold, in 1977 World Championships – Bronze; in 1978 World Championships – Silver; in 1979 World Championships – Silver; in 1981 World Championships - silver), **Refik Memisevic** (in 1977 World Championships – Silver; in 1978 World Cup – bronze; in 1981 World Championships – gold; in 1982 World Championships – silver; in 1984 Olympic games - silver), **Karolj Kasap** (in 1981 World Championships – Bronze; in 1982 European Championships – Bronze; in 1983 World Championships – Bronze; in 1983 European Championships - bronze), **Senad Rizvanovic** (in 1989 European Championships - gold), **Davor Stefanek** (in 2004 World Junior Championships – silver; in 2004 European Championships – silver; in 2005 World Junior Championships – gold; in 2008 European Championships - bronze).



In the traditional action 'Sportsman of the year' in Subotica, which started in 1961, representatives from WC Spartak Subotica were chosen for the best athletes even nineteen times. Also, WC Spartak has been proclaimed as the best sport club for nine times.

From Subotica to the stars

Subotica was the stepping stone for many athletes, including wrestlers, as evidenced by the results of important wrestling competitions in the past.

The winner in the category of up to 120 kg on the European Championship for Juniors, which was held in Subotica in 2002, was Hasan Maharbekovich Baroev from Russia. He also won the first place at the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004.



In traditional tournament „Refik Memišević Brale” another Russian wrestler, Roman Andreyevich Vlasov, still as a cadet, draw a special attention to himself. The Vlasov, shortly after the triumph among the cadets, became senior European champion and World champion in the 74 kg category. While being in the brilliant form and under the coaching of the famous Viktor Mihajlovic Kuznecov, he won the golden medal and was crowned in London in 2012.



Vlasov is the newest pearl of the famous Novosibirsk's wrestling school, and his coach is also the only coach the greatest wrestler of the 20th century, Alexander Alexandrovich Karelin. He is the biggest and so far unrivaled wrestler, a triple Olympic winner and sincere and devoted friend of the Serbian wrestling and our country.

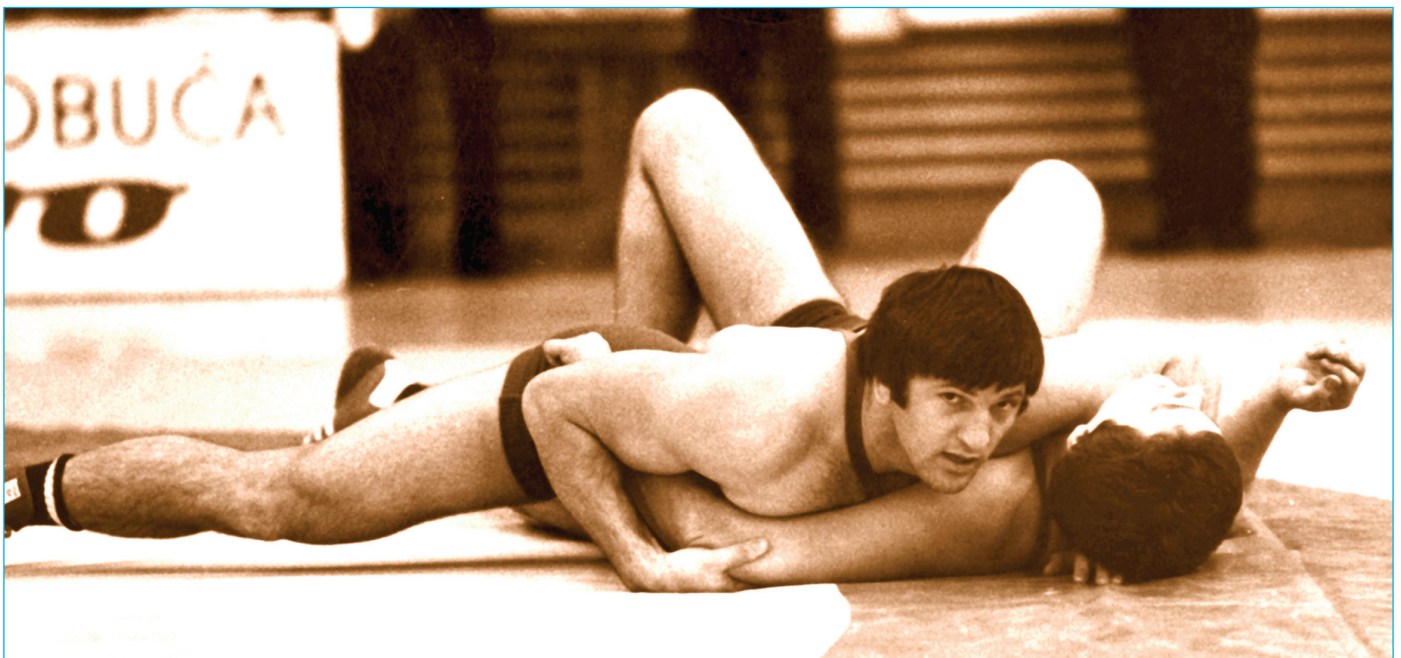
Remembering Refik Memisevic

The Memorial Tournament „Refik Memišević Brale” has been held for 9 years in Subotica. The tournament is named after one of the best wrestlers in Subotica, Refik Memišević, who passed away prematurely, the World champion in the heavyweight category in Oslo in 1981, and a silver medal winner at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984.

The Tournament through the years, brings together the best wrestlers in the cadet category and it takes place before the European championship for that age. That's why, the tournament does not lack of quality, and it is a great opportunity for all the participating teams to put themselves on the test before fighting for European medals.



People from the Wrestling club Spartak are organizing this tournament for nine years, with the great support from the Secretariat for Youth and Sport of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, the City of Subotica, Wrestling Federation of Vojvodina and Wrestling Federation of Serbia. Starting from the second tournament, it is consistently placed in the calendar of the World Wrestling Federation - FILA .





See you in Subotica 2015!



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