

A LITTLE HOCKEY HISTORY

Ice hockey has been introduced in Kézdivásárhely by the jurist Györfi Gyula. The first ice hockey team of the town was founded by him in 1954, which over a year was playing in group A. At that time was opened the skating rink in the Molnár Józsiás Park with high plank-fences, lighting and dressing-room.

From the young guard Deme László, Tápai Levente, Munzlinger Attila, Száva István, Veres Ödön and many others were transferred to the big teams of that time, to the Steaua and Dinamo of Bucharest, and to Kolozsvár. During 1954–1967 this team participated in all national championships, and finished third among the big teams. The golden team of that time was composed of the following persons: Györfi Gyula, Téglás Tibor, Rusz „Duci”, István Mihály, Régeni Zoltán, Domokos Béla, Nagy Árpád, Deme László, Tápai Levente, Munzlinger Attila, Imre Attila, Szabó András, Veress Ödön, Száva István, Moraru Emil, Kuna József, Varga Dénes and Molnár Attila. They were the pioneers of ice hockey in Kézdivásárhely.

The first period dates back to the years 1953–54 until 1976. On February 3rd, 1956, the first organized championship of group B was held in our town, where, besides the team of Kézdivásárhely, have been competing the teams of Sepsiszentgyörgy, Csíkszereda and Székelyudvarhely. In the school year 1971–72, within the sport school of Kanta, founded at that time, the ice hockey department started with two groups led by the PE teacher, late Lengyel Töhötöm.

During the second period, from 1977 until 1991, the team was managed by the insulating factory. This was followed by a longer break, caused by the absence of aid.

In 2002, the ice hockey team has been reorganized, being legitimated in 2004 by the flag of HC Bikák Sports Club. This was the beginning of the third period. In February of the same year Máthé Zsolt, the leader of the ice hockey department got in touch with Mátyás Attila, who was born in Kézdivásárhely and now lives in the United States of America, who supported the development of ice hockey and the building of a skating rink. Mátyás Attila donated to his native town, besides the hockey equipment of great value, a board-fence system, plexiglas for protecting the spectators, tubing system, ice razor and a refrigerating machine. That's how the outdoor skating rink was built, which for six month has served yearly for ice hockey trainings and skating.

The ice hockey teams of Kézdivásárhely can be proud of numerous achievements in the period 2005–2012: our teams from age-group U10 to U18 led by Máthé Zsolt, the leader of the ice hockey department and by the coach Márton Sándor earned the third place in the national championship, after that they achieved the second place together with the Corona team of Brasov at the same place. In 2005–2006 was established the adult team of the Association HC Bikák, which participated in the Transylvanian Championship of ice hockey for amateurs. Between 2012 and 2015 the team of HC Bikák signed a contract of collaboration with Corona Brasov, after that the team became member of the Szekler Ice Hockey Academy, established in September 2016. For the season 2016–2017 the team concluded a contract of collaboration for the age groups U10–U14.

The players from Kézdivásárhely were strengthening also the teams of group A, such as the Steaua of Bucharest, the Dinamo of Csíkszereda and the Corona of Brasov. Márton Hunor,

Mátyás Zsolt, Gajdó Balázs, Gajdó Tamás and Móré Szabolcs became the members of the Romanian junior national team. Danalizi Vilmos Gergő, Fazakas Erik and Szőcs Zalán were playing in the Hungarian junior national team.

ABOUT THE ARTIFICIAL SKATING RINK

In 2017, the project of the new skating rink was finished according to the provisions of the Romanian Skating Federation, and fulfills all the conditions, which are necessary for the organization of national championships. The building contains an area of 5220 sq. m. and has three levels, modern dressing-rooms, a medical consulting room, a dining-hall, a bar and a deposit, as well as a conference hall. The stand can hold 550 people, whereas the playing field has an area of 1745 sq. m.

Kézdivásárhely now disposes of one of the most beautiful skating rinks of Europe, in Romania there is no similar skating rink. It is equipped with the latest technique and technology, which insures the possibility – if needed – to function over twelve months. During summertime, cold air can be produced and the temperature can be regulated on the stand. The ice-curtain stops the warm air to enter on the ice surface.

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The development of winter sports together with the handing over of the skating rink acquired a new meaning, ice skating training has started, and with the involvement of four primary schools has begun the skating school programme, and at the same time the hockey school programme, where four young trainers Móré Szabolcs, Fetés Róbert, Fetés Norbert and Tóth Botond are going to work with the children.

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