

ABSTRACT:

The main task of this thesis has been to research the role of sport in the development of Uruguay's state and national consciousness in the late 19th century and the first half of the 20th century. It focuses primarily on the formation of organised sport in the country, the international sporting achievements of Uruguay, and the public's response in Uruguay and abroad. For a more detailed understanding, the thesis is subdivided into six time-related chapters, and covers politics, economics, as well as a brief history of the beginnings of world football in addition to the more general topic of sports. The thesis also considers the social sphere and the attitude of Uruguay's social classes to sport and leisure activities. Emphasis has also been placed on other important events that took place during the defined period, which both positively and negatively influenced the country.

Key words:

Uruguay, sport, 19th century, 20th century, football, history, sporting events, national consciousness