

Abstract

The main goal of this thesis is to show the history of the athletic club LIAZ Jablonec. Athletics as a royal sport has been acknowledged since ancient times. Cultivating human body and mind, and improving not only physical, but also psychical features of man. The beginning of athletics in Jablonec is dated back in 1947. Therefore in 2017, there will be a 70-year anniversary. This sport influenced a lot of people in Jablonec , who made it to the top positions in national statistics. Because of athletics there was a massive migration of people, coaches and athletes to Jablonec. Also I was influenced by athletics. Given these reasons I have decided to look into this topic. The theoretical part of this thesis sums up the history based on historical sources from the beginning to present day focused on functioning in the early years, development into a successful club, that had athletes in the highest league in Czechoslovakia and represented this country at the main events worldwide, its following downfall from the top ranks. The experimental part of this thesis adds a close up look on the conditions and background this club offered from the perspective of narrators, the change after 1989, their view of the current situation and their opinion about the future development of athletics in Jablonec nad Nisou.