

## **Abstract**

**Title:** Czechoslovak and Czech tennis players at the Grand Slam tournaments

**Objectives:** Diploma thesis is divided into two chapters. The aim of the first chapter is to make a comprehensive and valuable overview of the historical development of the greatest tennis tournaments called the Grand Slam from the very beginning until the present. The second part of this thesis focuses on Czechoslovak and Czech men's and women's tennis players who achieved the greatest success in these tournaments.

**Methods:** I used historiographical method in my diploma thesis. Other methods used in this thesis are based on this method. In the first chapter, which is focused on the Grand Slam tournaments, I applied mostly progressive method which captures events from the past until the present. In the second chapter, which is aimed at Czechoslovak and Czech players, I used biographical and chronological methods.

**Results:** Czechoslovak and Czech tennis players have been the most successful at Wimbledon, they have won there fourteen times. Wimbledon is followed by French Open with ten victories. Fewest victories have achieved our players at Australian Open and US Open. Among men, Ivan Lendl was the most successful in the men's single with eight victories at the Grand Slam tournaments. Among women, Martina Navrátilová dominated with eighteen Grand Slam victories. Both these important players achieved many victories for our country, but not just for our country. They also have in common that both emigrated to the United States and gained many more achievements for that country. I included all of their successes in my diploma thesis.

**Keywords:** tennis, the Grand Slam tournaments, Czechoslovak and Czech players, Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, US Open