

THE ACTIVITY OF ACADEMIC SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUB BRANCH OF UNIVERSITY OF MARIA SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE IN RZESZÓW IN YEARS 1969-2001

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Abstract:

The Academic Sports Association Club branch of the UMCS in Rzeszow, working in the years 1969-2001, conducted among students intensive sport and popularization activity. It manifested itself not only as the organization of activities within individual sport sections, but also an active participation in sport competitions at different levels - from internal events, through the local and regional to national academic championships. The involvement of athletes and activists AZS has resulted in a successful sporting events of different rank.

The Academic Sports Association Club branch of the UMCS in Rzeszow began its operations on 8th of October of 1969¹. The Club acted as a unit of the Environmental Academic Sports Association in Rzeszów till the 30th of September of 2001. In the early years, the Club had 62 members, and the financial aid for the statutory activities and the purchase of the sport equipment obtained from the Association of Academic Center Development in Rzeszów. The first chairman of the Club was Janusz Lewkowicz. In the later years that function was fulfilled by: Edward Cichoń, Adam Szela, Kazimierz Cebulak, Jerzy Halka, Arkadiusz Kuźniar, Andrzej Pliś, Tadeusz Strużyński, Grzegorz Ćwik, Michał Ferens, Mariusz Kloc, Maciej Dziurgot, Jakub Grymanowski, Marek Krzystyniak².

In addition the outstanding activists throughout all the years were: Andrzej Bargiel, Teresa Błażkowska, Andrzej Dusza, Stanisław Guzek, Tadeusz Jurasz, Mariusz Kowal, Barbara Kuczma, Antoni Kula, Andrzej Lisiak, Jerzy Michalik, Teresa Nawrot, Jakub Okonowski, Alicja Płonka, Robert Puchalik, Stanisław Siuta, Elżbieta Strzelnicka, Jacek Szarek, Dorota Szpunar, Krzysztof Załuski³.

In the analyzed period The Academic Sport Association of the branch of UMCS, conducted the activities in several sport sections, it organized the academic competitions and took part in the competitions with other Universities in the Rzeszów Academic Environment. The participation in the Polish Championships of the higher education⁴ the athletes of KU AZS the branch of the UMCS started with the participation in the VII edition of the mentioned championship. In the next fifteen editions of the championships the athletes representing the

¹ Referat sprawozdawczy KU AZS Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie. Rzeszów 1980 – typescript in the possession of the author.

² The detailed compositions of the boards of AZS Branch of UMCS contained in appendix No. 1.

³ Based on.: *Sprawozdania Zarządu Środowiskowego AZS w Rzeszowie z lat 1971-2001*.

⁴ The organization of Polish Universities Championships was inaugurated in 1961. Although their regulations in future years subject to numerous changes, it remained unchanging principle of the two-year cycle of competitions and the distribution of the participating teams in the types of universities (*XX Mistrzostwa Szkół Wyższych 1998/2000*, ZG AZS, Warszawa 2000, p. I).

Rzeszów branch of the UMCS repeatedly reached out for the highest trophies⁵. Obtained in the later years results were possible thankfully to the very good cooperation between AZS and Department of WFiS the branch of the UMCS, and also thankfully to the efforts of coaches and mentors of individual sections and sport activists.

Tab. AZS Statistics of the branch of the UMCS in the years 1969-2000

Year	1969	1973	1979	1985	1999	2000
Number of sections	—	11	12	12	11	12
Number of members	62	128	275	230	195	192

Source: Reports of KU AZS of the branch of the UMCS in Rzeszów 1969-2001

In the 70s' the biggest successes belonged to the section of judo, conductor by the coach Bolesław Budziaszek. The most valuable players were: Edward Bocheński, Waław Mucha and Jerzy Szular. High scores in the Polish Academic Championships were obtained by sections such as men volleyball under the leadership of Renata Kołodziej and men and women basketball with the coach Lesław Stepniak, and also the women handball conducted by Jerzy Rut.



Fig. 1. Judokas the Branch of the UMCS with coach Boleslaw Budziaszek during the Polish Championships types of institutions (the seventies)

The eighties passed in turn dictated by table tennis, trained by Tadeusz Czulno. This section repeatedly reached the highest academic championship trophies in types of universities. However, the most successful tennis players of branch of the UMCS was a victory in the championship masters intercollegiate leagues recognized in the late seventies and eighties. The leading players of the section were: Barbara Gierlach, Małgorzata Gwoździowska, Walentyna Para, Marian Kamycki, Feliks Kordyś, Witold Kuś, Krzysztof Paściak, Józef Szlachta, Bogdan Wiśniowski, Ryszard Zub. Sections of table tennis women and men and women's handball contributed largely to the biggest sporting success in the twenty-two history of the Department of WFiS i KU AZS. Their excellent results obtained during the tenth edition of the championship Polish universities (1979-1980) meant that branch of the UMCS in

⁵ In this study included only those items medal in individual competitions, team and individual competition in the overall standings.

Rzeszów took second place in the overall competition amongst these fourteen competing universities from all over Polish⁶. In years 1980-1990, just as in the earlier period, high level sports sections presented women's basketball and men and judo. They were joined by sections such as football with coach Antoni Domino and swimming, led by Bolesla Budziaszek.



Fot. 2. Members section, table tennis Branch of UMCS - eighties (from left, Feliks Kordyś, Ryszard Zub, mgr Tadeusz Czulno, Krzysztof Paściak, Dariusz Tomczyk, Józef Szlachta, Bogdan Bieniek)

In the nineties biggest sporting successes were of five people football section led by Tomasz Świątek. Next to victory in the nineteenth edition of the academic championship Polish footballers types of institutions they got They reached for bronze in the championship masters intercollegiate leagues in 1998. Successes also relevant section of men's basketball led by Rafał Kołodziej, winning twice runners-Polish Vertical pedagogical colleges and universities affiliates. The traditionally high level presented by sections of judo and swimming - both under the command of Bolesław Budziaszek⁷.

In the twenty-two years of its existence of Department of WFiS The Academic Sport Association of the branch of UMCS was five times the organizer of the Polish Academic Championships types of universities. For the first time it has been in years 1977. Then the Rzeszów branch of UMCS hosted the IX Polish Academic Championship Types of universities in men basketball. Less than two years later for the top trophies of the academic championships judokas fought in Rzeszow. On the other hand, on the dates 16-19th of November of 1981, the branch of UMCS, Rzeszów He hosts the XI Polish Championships Universities of Pedagogical and branches Universities Table Tennis. Another event of comparable rank were held in March 1984 XII Championship Polish Types University Handball Championship for Women. Three years later, the ladies fought on Rzeszów floors for medals in the XIV Polish Championships of WSP and FU women basketball. The last event of this kind organized by Rzeszów branch of the UMCS constituted, held on 7th of April of 2001, XXI MPTU in Judo. Thanks to the great commitment of organizational employees of the Department and activists of KU AZS these events have were each time at a high level, providing their participants with a comfortable stay and sportsmanship⁸.

⁶ Reports of the activity *Studium Wychowania Fizycznego i Sportu w okresie dziesięciolecia istnienia Filii Uniwersytetu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej w Rzeszowie*. Rzeszów 1980.

⁷ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1990-1999.

⁸ On basis.: *Sprawozdania z działalności SWFiS Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie w latach 1969-2001*.

PARTICIPATION OF THE SPORTS SECTION OF THE UMCS AZS IN THE ACADEMIC POLISH CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE YEARS 1972-2000

VII Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1972-1974) – 10th place overall among representatives of the 13 competing schools. **Men judo:** Jerzy Drochal – 1st place, Jerzy Szular – 2nd place, Stanisław Guzek – 3rd place, Stanisław Drąg – 3rd place, in teams – 2nd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek⁹.

VIII Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1974-1976) – 10th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Swimming:** Stanisław Borc – 1st place, 2nd place, relay 4x50 m medley (Stanisław Borc, Franciszek Rybczyński, Jacek Beres, Jerzy Kalwas) – 3rd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **judo:** Edward Bocheński (lightweight) – 1st place (1975 r.), 2nd place (1976 r.), coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **men volleyball** – 3rd place (Tadeusz Adamczyk, Franciszek Dec, Janusz Gajdek, Lucjan Hałoń, Tadeusz Marciniak, Jacek Pasternak, Leszek Roskal, Jan Trześniowski), coach – mgr Renata Kołodziej, **athletics:** Stanisław Bara – 3rd place (distance of 1500 m), coach – mgr Antoni Domino¹⁰.



Fig. 3. Women volleyball team of UMCS during the VIII Polish Championships of Universities Białystok (1975)

IX Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1977-1978) – 6th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **swimming:** Stanisław Borc – 1st place, 2nd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **athletics:** Józef Nowak – 2nd place (distance of 1500 m), coach – mgr Antoni Domino; **women basketball** – 3rd place, coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak¹¹.

X Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1979-1980) – 2nd place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Men table tennis:** Józef Szlachta – 2nd place, double – Józef Szlachta, Ryszard Zub – 2nd place, Marian Kamycki, Krzysztof Paściak – 1st place, in teams – 1st place; **women table tennis:** Małgorzata Gwoździowska – 2nd place, Walentyna Para – 2nd place, double (Małgorzata Gwoździowska, Walentyna Para) – 1st place,

⁹ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1972-1974.

¹⁰ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1974-1976.

¹¹ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1979-1980.

in teams – 1st place; mix – Barbara Gierlach, Krzysztof Paściak – 1st place, Walentyna Para, Ryszard Zub – 2nd place, coach – Tadeusz Czułno; **women handball** – 1st place (Genowefa Cebula, Grażyna Wrona), coach – mgr Jerzy Rut; **women basketball** – 2nd place (Barbara Datka, Barbara Haliniak, Bożena Penar, Lucyna Starosta), coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak; **swimming**: Stanisław Borcz – 2nd place, Jan Florek – 2nd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **judo**: Waław Mucha (75 kg) – 1st place, Tadeusz Chodoń – 3rd place, Stanisław Lenczak – 3rd place, in teams – 2nd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **men basketball** – 3rd place (Grzegorz Kloc, Jan Markiewicz, Norbert Zawisłak), coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak¹².

XI Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1981-1982) – 4th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Men table tennis** – 1st place; **women table tennis** – 2nd place, coach – mgr Tadeusz Czułno; **men basketball** – 2nd place, coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak; **soccer** – 2nd place, coach – mgr Antoni Domino; **women basketball** – 3rd place, coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak; **women handball** – 3rd place, coach – mgr Wiktor Marciniak¹³.

XII Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1983-1984) – 8th place overall among representatives of the 13 competing schools. **Men table tennis** – 1st place, coach – mgr Tadeusz Czułno; **soccer** – 3rd place, coach – mgr Antoni Domino¹⁴.

XIII Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1984-1985) – 9th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Men table tennis** – 2nd place, coach – mgr Tadeusz Czułno; **women basketball** – 3rd place, coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak¹⁵.

XIV Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1986-1988) – 10th place overall among representatives of the 13 competing schools. **Men table tennis** – 1st place (Feliks Kordyś, Witold Kuś, Bogdan Wiśniowski), coach – mgr Tadeusz Czułno; **swimming**: Andrzej Sterkowicz – 1st place (50 m st. mot.), relay 4×50 m medley (Andrzej Sterkowicz, Sławomir Gibała, Domowicz, Gesek) – 2nd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **women basketball** – 2nd place (Halina Fedorowicz, Marta Fulara, Jolanta Golonka, Barbara Hausner, Jolanta Kosiek, Iwona Kowal, Lucyna Makara, Renata Marzec, Ewa Mijalny, Bogusława Pietruszko, Jolanta Reguła, Anna Schultis), coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak; **men basketball** – 3rd place (Waław Bakalarz, Piotr Buczek, Lesław Forczek, Ireneusz Gawryluk, Mariusz Karol, Lesław Kocój, Seweryn Przywara, Marek Ruszel, Dariusz Sobek, Robert Starzak, Andrzej Sterkowicz, Wiesław Piątek), coach – mgr Lesław Stepianiak; **judo**: Wiesław Knutel (+95 kg) – 3rd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek¹⁶.

XV Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1988-1990) – 8th place overall among representatives of the 13 competing schools. **Swimming**: Jolanta Taś – 1st place (100 m breaststroke), Grzegorz Rajzer – 1st place (100 m medley), Andrzej Sterkowicz – 1st place (50 m butterfly), Wiesław Kużdżał – 2nd place (100 m breaststroke), Sławomir Gibała – 3rd place (100 m backstroke), relay 4×50 m medley (Sławomir Gibała, Wiesław Kużdżał, Grzegorz Rajzer, Andrzej Sterkowicz), coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek¹⁷.

XVI Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1991-1992) – 10th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools¹⁸.

¹² On basis.: *Referat sprawozdawczy KU AZS Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie; Sprawozdania Zarządu Środowiskowego AZS w Rzeszowie z lat 1979-1980.*

¹³ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1981-1982.*

¹⁴ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1983-1984.*

¹⁵ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1984-1985.*

¹⁶ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1986-1988.*

¹⁷ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1988-1990.*

¹⁸ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1991-1992.*

XVII Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1992-1994) – 8th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Swimming:** Wiesław Kuźdżał – 1st place (100 m breaststroke), Tymoteusz Furmanek – 2nd place (100 m butterfly), Aleksander Zajac – 2nd place (100 m backstroke), relay 4×50 m medley (Tymoteusz Furmanek, Wiesław Kuźdżał, Aleksander Zajac) – 2nd place, in teams – 3rd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek¹⁹.

XVIII Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1994-1996) – 7th place overall among representatives of the 15 competing schools. **Swimming:** relay 4×50 m free-style – 1st place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **judo:** Wojciech Magierski (95 kg) – 2nd place, Piotr Biedroń (86 kg) – 3rd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **five people soccer** – 2nd place, Jarosław Lis – top scorer, coach – mgr Tomasz Świątek²⁰.

XIX Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1996-1998) – 8th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Five people soccer** – 1st place (Lesław Godek, Krzysztof Gołąb, Bartosz Kielar, Mirosław Kusibab, Tomasz Leśniowski, Jarosław Lis, Marek Mercik, Robert Rodzinka, Dariusz Synoś, Rafał Władyka, Cezary Wulf), coach – mgr Tomasz Świątek; **judo** – 3rd place in teams, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek²¹.



Fig. 4. The winning football team branch UMCS coach Tomasz Świątek during the XIX Polish Universities Championships (Bydgoszcz 1998).

XX Polish Championships of higher education institutions (1998-2000) – 7th place overall among representatives of the 14 competing schools. **Men basketball** – 2nd place (Hubert Bać, Jaromir Drewniak, Piotr Gembarzewski, Tomasz Gutowski, Marek Hałys, Piotr Hrynus, Rafał Pielecha, Dominik Miś, Piotr Miś, Piotr Stepianiak), coach – mgr Rafał Kołodziej; **judo:** Krzysztof Bocheński – 3rd place, Dawid Giermański (81 kg) – 3rd place, in teams – 3rd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek; **street basket** – 3rd place (Piotr Hrynus, Rafał Pielecha, Dariusz Cioban), coach – mgr Rafał Kołodziej²².

XXI Polish Championships of higher education institutions (2000-2002) – 7th place overall among representatives of the 11 competing schools (Filia UMCS brała udział jedynie w I

¹⁹ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1992-1994.

²⁰ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1994-1996.

²¹ Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1996-1998.

²² Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow in the years 1998-2000.

etapie mistrzostw). **Men basketball** – 2nd place (Hubert Bać, Dariusz Cioban, Marek Hałys, Piotr Hrynus, Daniel Jakubowski, Piotr Miś, Rafał Pielecha, Krzysztof Szufnarowski), coach – mgr Rafał Kołodziej; **judo**: Grzegorz Szumski (60 kg) – 1st place, Krzysztof Bocheński (90 kg) – 2nd place, Łukasz Oliwa (60 kg) – 2nd place, Daniel Draus (90 kg) – 3rd place, Tomasz Drelich (81 kg) – 3rd place, in teams – 3rd place, coach – mgr Bolesław Budziaszek²³.

To outstanding athletes in this period, in addition to the above, also belonged: Janusz Bachtą, Jacek Bartosiewicz, Marek Brożek, Marcin Drath, Janusz Grabowski, Adam Kozak, Piotr Król, Henryk Oleksiuk, Anatol Piątek, Henryk Rędzio, Andrzej Szetela, Ewa Szwaja, Ewa Wiaderek.

ANNEX

THE DETAILED COMPOSITIONS OF THE BOARDS OF AZS BRANCH OF THE UMCS IN RZESZÓW IN THE YEARS 1971-1989

1971-73

Chairman – Janusz Lewkowicz, members: Lucyna Łacińska, Roman Ryniewicz, Maria Sitarz, Jerzy Sternik.

1973-75

Chairman – Edward Cichoń, members: Teresa Błażkowska, Stanisław Guzek, Tadeusz Jurasz, Barbara Kuczma, Tadeusz Stróżyński, Elżbieta Szelnicka.

1978-80

Chairman – mgr Adam Szela/mgr Kazimierz Cebulak, Vice President to sport matters Jerzy Michalik/Grzegorz Ćwik, Vice President to sport matters – Marek Piwowarczyk/Michał Ferenc, Vice President to popularization matters – Andrzej Dusza, Secretary – Teresa Nawrot, Cashier – Teresa Piwowarczyk/Elżbieta Byra, Chronicler – Elżbieta Paszkowska, members: Genowefa Cebula, Beata Parys, Elżbieta Pyter.

1980-83

Chairman – Jerzy Hałka, Vice President to organizational matters – Arkadiusz Kuźniar, Vice President to sport matters – Lesław Stepianiak, sekretarz – Dorota Szpunar, skarbnik – Teresa Pliś.

1983-85

Chairman – Arkadiusz Kuźniar, Vice President to organizational matters – Stanisław Siuta, Vice President to sport matters – Lesław Stepianiak, Vice President to popularization matters – Krystyna Zabawa, Secretary – Dorota Szpunar/Alicja Płonka, Cashier – Mariola Woźniak/Magdalena Posiewała, members: Stanisław Borek, Jerzy Frankiewicz, Mariusz Kusaj, Waclaw Pólichłopek, Urszula Sumara, Lesław Szpala, Dorota Szpunar, Bernadetta Zarzyczna.

1987-89

Chairman – Andrzej Pliś, Vice President to organizational matters – Jerzy Michalik, Vice President to sport matters – Grzegorz Ćwik, Vice President to popularization matters – Andrzej Dusza, Secretary – Teresa Nawrot, Cashier – Elżbieta Byra, Chronicler – Elżbieta Paszkowska, members: Genowefa Cebula, Beata Parys, Elżbieta Pyter.

²³ *Reports of the board of Environmental AZS in Rzeszow from the year 2000.*