

**HISTORY OF WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT IN LUTSK**Nadia Kovalchuk<sup>1</sup>, Lyubov Uzhva<sup>1</sup>, Olexander Shvaj<sup>1</sup>, Volodymyr Sanyuk<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup> Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University, Lutsk, Ukraine, kovalhuk1175@gmail.com<https://doi.org/10.29038/2220-7481-2017-03-51-55>**Abstract**

**Topicality.** From time to time, due to objective or subjective reasons, the popularity of various sports in the country, or in some regions, changes. Over time, the name of the founder is forgotten, some materials are lost, relationships with eyewitnesses and participants of sporting events are broken. In this regard, the problem of preserving the historical moments of creation of various types of social activities and interests remains relevant. Therefore, *the purpose* of our article is to study the history of women's volleyball development as one of the most popular sports in Lutsk. **Results of Investigation.** It has been established that at the beginning of the 20th century volleyball was included in the program of competitions in educational institutions in Lutsk. Active volleyball development in Volyn began in 1969 with the opening of the Faculty of Physical Education at the Lutsk State Pedagogical Institute named after Lesya Ukrainka and the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth. Through conversations and interviews with current and former trainers, players, referees, the stages of women's team transition from school volleyball to high level volleyball have been identified. Training a group of girls since 1976, head coach Bohuslav Halytsky managed to pick up a team of coaches who were aimed at high sports results. Thanks to this, the team of Volyn volleyball players became the bronze medalist of Ukraine in 1978. During the years of Soviet Ukraine as part of the USSR, 50 % of the national team of our country were volleyballists trained by B. Halytsky. In the game season of 2006–2007, the team became the champion of Ukraine and entered the super league. The name of the Lutsk volleyball team often changed. Since 2016–2017 the women's team has been called «Volyn–University–Regional Sports School for Children and Youth». Many Lutsk volleyball players continue their sports careers in teams of well-known Ukrainian and foreign clubs masters. **Conclusion.** For 40 years female volleyball in Lutsk has gained great popularity. The team «Volyn–University–Regional Sports School for Children and Youth» is replenished at the expense of pupils of the special department of the Olympic reserve on volleyball of the Sports School for Children and Youth. During the entire existence of the volleyball team, two Masters of Sports of the International Class and more than 40 Masters of Sports of Ukraine have been trained.

**Key words:** history, volleyball, team, women, Lutsk, Volyn, super league, sports achievements.

**Надія Ковальчук, Любов Ужва, Олександр Швай, Володимир Санюк. Історія розвитку жіночого волейболу в Луцьку. Актуальність.** Періодично через об'єктивні або суб'єктивні причини популярність різних видів спорту в країні чи окремих її регіонах змінюється. Із часом забувається ім'я засновника, утрачаються матеріали, перериваються зв'язки з очевидцями та учасниками спортивних подій тощо. У зв'язку з цим завжди актуальною залишається проблема збереження історичних моментів творення різних видів діяльності суспільства і його інтересів. Тому *мета* нашої роботи полягає у вивченні історії розвитку жіночого волейболу як одного з найпопулярніших видів спорту в місті Луцьку. **Результати роботи.** Установлено, що на початку ХХ ст. в Луцьку волейбол входив до програми змагань у навчальних закладах. Активний розвиток волейболу на Волині почався в 1969 р. з відкриттям факультету фізичного виховання в Луцькому державному педагогічному інституті імені Лесі Українки та обласної дитячо-юнацької спортивної школи. За допомогою бесід та інтерв'ю із сучасними й колишніми тренерами, гравцями, судьями з волейболу виявлено етапи переходу жіночої команди від шкільного волейболу до волейболу високих досягнень. Тренуючи з 1976 р. групу дівчат, головний тренер Богуслав Галицький зумів підібрати команду тренерів, які націлені на високі спортивні результати. Завдяки цьому, команда волинських волейболісток у 1978 р. стала бронзовим призером України. У роки перебування України в складі СРСР 50 % збірної команди нашої країни склали вихованки Б. Галицького. В ігровому сезоні 2006–2007 рр. команда стала чемпіоном України та вийшла в суперлігу. Назва волейбольної команди лучанок періодично змінювалася. Із 2016–2017 ігрового сезону жіноча команда називається «Волинь-Університет-ОДЮСШ». Чимало луцьких волейболісток продовжують свою спортивну кар'єру в командах майстрів відомих українських і закордонних клубів. **Висновки.** За 40 років жіночий волейбол у м. Луцьку набув великої популярності. Основний склад команди «Волинь-Університет-ОДЮСШ» поповнюється за рахунок вихованок спеціального відділення олімпійського резерву з волейболу дитячо-юнацької спортивної школи. Протягом усього існування волейбольної команди підготовлено двох майстрів спорту Міжнародного класу та понад 40 майстрів спорту України.

**Ключові слова:** історія, волейбол, команда, жінки, Луцьк, Волинь, суперліга, спортивні досягнення.

**Надежда Ковальчук, Любовь Ужва, Александр Швай, Владимир Санюк. История развития женского волейбола в Луцке. Актуальность.** Периодически в силу объективных или субъективных причин популярность

различных видов спорта в стране или отдельных ее регионах меняется. Со временем забывается имя основателя, теряются материалы, прерываются связи с очевидцами и участниками спортивных событий и т. д. В связи с этим всегда актуальной остается проблема сохранения исторических моментов создания различных видов деятельности общества и его интересов. Поэтому **цель** нашей работы заключается в изучении истории развития женского волейбола как одного из самых популярных видов спорта в городе Луцке. **Результаты работы.** Установлено, что в начале XX в. в Луцке волейбол входил в программу соревнований в учебных заведениях. Активное развитие волейбола на Волыни началось в 1969 г. С открытием факультета физического воспитания в Луцком государственном педагогическом институте имени Леси Украинки и областной детско-юношеской спортивной школы. Путем бесед и интервью с современными и бывшими тренерами, игроками, судьями по волейболу выявлены этапы перехода женской команды от школьного волейбола к волейболу высоких достижений. Тренируя с 1976 г. группу девушек, главный тренер Богуслав Галицкий сумел подобрать команду тренеров, которые были нацелены на высокие спортивные результаты. Благодаря этому, команда волыньских волейболисток в 1978 г. стала бронзовым призером Украины. В годы пребывания Украины в составе СССР 50 % сборной команды нашей страны составляли воспитанницы Б. Галицкого. В игровом сезоне 2006–2007 гг. команда стала чемпионом Украины и вышла в суперлигу. Название волейбольной команды лучанок периодически менялась. С 2016–2017 игрового сезона женская команда называется «Волынь-Университет-ОДЮСШ». Многие из луцких волейболисток продолжают свою спортивную карьеру в командах мастеров известных украинских и зарубежных клубов. **Выводы.** За 40 лет женский волейбол в г. Луцке набрал большую популярность. Основной состав команды «Волынь-Университет-ОДЮСШ» пополняется за счет воспитанниц специального отделения олимпийского резерва по волейболу детско-юношеской спортивной школы. На протяжении всего существования волейбольной команды подготовлено двух мастеров спорта Международного класса и более 40 мастеров спорта Украины.

**Ключевые слова:** история, волейбол, команда, женщины, Луцк, Волынь, суперлига, спортивные достижения.

**Introduction.** Researchers of the system of physical education of pupils of the 16–early 21st centuries [7] report that in the 30s of the last century, physical education consisted of gymnastics and sports exercises. Volleyball belonged to sports exercises. In 1937 a student by I. Bobersky, Stepan Haiduchok, the founder of the sports association «Ukraine», devoted his publications to the physical education of pupils and youth in general, including «Syatkuvka» (volleyball). So, this suggests that volleyball as a discipline took one of the leading places in the educational institutions of the western region of modern Ukraine. In Lutsk state gymnasium named after Tadeusz Kostyushko volleyball was included into the program of school competitions [2; 5]. Volleyball competitions of different rank were held among pupils and student youth. Since Volyn was part of Poland until 1939, the delegation of this country in 1936 at the congress of the International Handball Federation held in Stockholm initiated the organization of a technical volleyball committee as part of a handball federation. This suggests that volleyball was a popular game on the territory of Poland. In the Soviet Ukraine volleyball began to spread in 1925. Therefore, the appeal to the past in the history of sport in Ukraine at the present stage is of great interest. The scientific literature does not cover the history of the formation and development of volleyball in Volyn, in particular women's one, but it should be noted that some issues of this problem are disclosed in the article by O. Radchenko and S. Radchenko [6].

**The purpose** is to study the history of women's volleyball development in Lutsk.

**Methods of research** are as follows: theoretical analysis and generalization of scientific-methodical literature and materials of the Internet-network on a specified problem; analysis of archival documents for obtaining retrospective information; a retrospective survey for collecting current information in the form of interviews and interviews.

**Research Results.** Active volleyball development in Volyn began in 1969 with the opening of the Faculty of Physical Education at Lesya Ukrainka Lutsk State Pedagogical Institute (LSPI) and the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth, which was built at the area of the stables, where exhibitions of pedigree stallions were often held. President of the club Bannera Avksentiy Semenovych said that at that time the structure of the sports school was divided into 2 groups: in the Youth School № 1 such sports as athletics, sports gymnastics, wrestling, cycling and shooting were developed. In the Regional Sports School Children and Youth № 2 volleyball, basketball, football and fencing were developed. At that time, volleyball did not have a high ranking in Lutsk. It was children's volleyball in the education system.

The first official volleyball coaches of the sports school for children were Mykola Vasylyovych Lutsiv, who trained a group of boys, and Valentyna Kovalyova, who worked with girls. Later, instead of M. V. Lutsiv, A. H. Abasa became a coach, who was engaged with 2 groups of boys and 2 groups of girls training.

In 1969 Alla Mykolayivna Akimova began teaching at the Faculty of Physical Education of the LSPI, who conducted a training session with the girls of the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth part-time. Then, the girls' team almost did not go away for competitions, and the number of their competitions was much smaller than that of the boys. Although funding was sufficient, but the level of the game was inadequate and, as a result, there were few invitations.

During 1970–1974, at the LSPI faculty of physical education there was a volleyball team of girls, trained by Hennadiy Pavlovych Morugov. Later (1973–1975), a graduate of the same faculty, Roiko Taras Mykolayovych, who also trained boys, helped him. Annually the girls' team of the faculty of physical education participated in the Spartakiad of the Ukrainian pedagogical institutes (at that time there were 12 pedagogical institutes). The highest achievement of Lutsk volleyball players was the sixth place. The rank of those competitions was extremely high due to the fact that many teams enclosed masters of sports. The faculty team was replenished by the pupils of not only Lutsk Sports School for Children and Youth, but also players of sports schools from Kovel, Volodymyr-Volynsky, Novovolynsk, among them Alla Andreyeva, Halyna Nemykina, Halyna Hrytsyuk, Lyudmyla Yaroshchuk, and Tetiana Osypova. At one of the sports events student Alla Andreyeva was recognized as the best player.

Each year in Lutsk a volleyball city Spartakiad was held, in which teams of local enterprises, sports associations «Dynamo» and «Burevisnyk» participated, which included students of the Faculty of Physical Education, and the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth. The «Burevisnyk» team also participated in the popular at that time volleyball tournament in honor of Gulya Korolyova in Rivne.

In 1974 the graduate of the Faculty of Physical Education of the LSPI Bohuslav Andriyovych Halytsky was appointed as a coach at the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth. He started working with both boys and girls, but in 1976 the management decided to transfer him exclusively to girls' training. At that time, their greatest achievement was the 12th place at the Ukrainian Spartakiad.

Taking into consideration this situation, it is easy to understand that it was difficult to work, but perhaps the desire of the young coach was decisive. In a year, the girls' performance improved significantly and in 1977 the team participated in the Ukrainian Championship, where it took the 5th place. A year later (1978) Lutsk volleyball players became prize-winners of the Ukrainian Student Spartakiad. After the team became the bronze medalist of Ukraine there was enough time for the training of volleyball players: instead of three times a week, one and a half hours a day, the main team trained 2 times a day; the first lesson began at 6:30 a.m. B. Halytsky set himself the goal to raise the champions of Ukraine, although many did not believe in this. School headmasters supported a talented coach, and always provided him with sports grounds, as the training of masters began with mass volleyball and for this purpose, the work of the volleyball school sections was organized. In 1981 Volynians became champions of Ukraine.

Great contribution to the development of Lutsk women's volleyball was made by Pyrozhytsky Ihor Antonovych. His role was to select promising junior schoolgirls to be on the volleyball team in the future. In 1985, Halyna Vitaliyivna Romashkevych, who had worked at that sports school for 10 years, replenished the coaches' staff. Since 1988 up to now, Olena Oleksiyivna Alieksieyeva, a long-time captain of the team, has been working as a coach.

Due to the fact that the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth had well-prepared different age groups, volleyball teams began to play at youth championships of the USSR. They took part in competitions of different ranks, learnt from other teams and it gave results. At first, the Lutskovites were enrolled in the All-Union tournament in Kyiv. After that, four sportsmen raised by B. Halytskyi were immediately invited to the Kiev sports boarding school (this is where the basic team of volleyball Ukraine was formed).

In 1986, the final of the USSR championship (under 16 years old) was first held in Lutsk for the first time in history. And the Lutsk team won the bronze medal. In the same year it was the silver medalist of the Ukrainian Students' Spartakiad and of the Third Ukrainian Youth Games. Every year in the team of Ukrainian school team there were 2–3 pupils coached by B. Halytsky. Ella Kalyniuk, for example, became a champion of the USSR Spartakiad in the republic's national team in 1986. After that, she was taken into the youth team of the USSR, which became the winner of the international Druzhba championship. Then she continued to increase her sporting skills in the team of masters of the highest league Orbita (Zaporizhzhya).

50 % of the national team of the Soviet Ukraine consisted of Bohuslav Halytsky's pupils. This is how the women's volleyball team of the town of Lutsk was born.

The name of the volleyball team of girls, which was created on the basis of a special branch of the Olympic reserve on Volleyball Volyn Regional Sport School for Children and Youth in 1993, often changed: 1993–1999 – «Osvita»; 1999–2004 – «Osvita–Volyn»; 2004–2005 – «Volynlis–Osvita»; 2005–2006 – «Volyn–the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth– VVSU»; 2006–2010 – «Volyn–University – the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth»; 2010–2011 – Continuum–Volyn– University– the Sports School for Children and Youth»; 2011–2016 – Continuum – Volyn–University; 2016–2017 – «Volyn–University–the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth».

The successful start of the team gave an impetus to the formation of the volleyball club «Osvita», which began its activities in June 1994.

Taking participation in the Women's Championship of Ukraine in the second league (play season 1993–1994) for the first time the girls won the second place and won the right to participate in competitions of the national championship among the teams of the I league, in which they participated for 5 years and from the 7th place (at the beginning) rose to the 4th, then – to the 3rd, and then became leaders. According to the head coach, the team could not pass to the higher league, because there was no proper funding, and it was impossible to buy a uniform, there was no money for travel, food, etc. [1].

In the season of 2006–2007, the team, having won a convincing victory, became a champion of Ukraine and entered the super league [8, 9]. The game seasons 2007–2008, 2008–2009 team finished in 6th and 5th places respectively. In 2010, girls became bronze medalists of the Ukrainian Cup. According to the results of the participation in the 2010–2011 season, the Lutskovites entered the four strongest teams in Ukraine [3]. For the victory in the youth games, nine players were awarded the title of Master of Sports of Ukraine [10].

In the 2011–2012 and 2012–2013 seasons, the «Continuum–Volyn–University» team became the winner of the Ukrainian Cup twice. In 2012–2013 it got the opportunity to represent Ukraine and Volyn in the Eurocup, where they reached the stage of 1/8 of the competition.

According to the results of the 2011–2012, 2012–2013 seasons, the girls became silver prize–winners of the Ukrainian Championship among superleague teams [11].

In the season 2015–2016, they ranked fifth among the strongest teams in Ukraine, and in the season 2016–2017 Volyn–University became the bronze medalist of Ukraine. For the entire existence of the club and the volleyball team 2 masters of international class sports and more than 40 masters of sports of Ukraine and candidates for the masters of sports have been trained, including: Chepel Victoria – the master of sports of Ukraine, the silver prizewinner of the European Youth Olympic Days (EYOD) in England (1995), a participant in the European Championship among girls born in 1980 (4th place, Slovakia, 1997), EYOD in Portugal (5th place, 1997), winner of the Second Youth Games of Ukraine, three times the silver and twice the bronze medalist of the National Championship of major league teams; Polishchuk Tetyana, Dovhopolyuk Anna, Derkach Julia, Hryn Yulia – masters of sports, as part of the national team of Ukraine, participants of the European Championship (Czech Republic, 2003), silver medalists of the 3rd Summer Youth Sports Games of Ukraine, winners and silver prizewinners of Ukraine, silver medalists at the Universiade of Ukraine 2005, silver medalists of the 15th Championship of Ukraine among the teams of the highest league; Molodtsova Inna, Chakhraichuk Tetiana, Terpel Olha, Lugovska Olha, Radobenko Anastasiia, Romashkevych Nataliia – masters of sports, winners and silver winners of Ukrainian championships, silver winners of the Universiade of Ukraine 2005, silver medalists of the 15th Championship of Ukraine among the teams of the highest league; Usik Alisa, Molodtsova Julia – masters of sports, winners of the championship of Ukraine, silver medalists of the 15th Championship of Ukraine among the teams of the highest league.

Many Lutsk athletes have been invited to teams of masters of well–known Ukrainian and foreign volleyball clubs. Among them: Ella Kalyniuk is an international class master of sports that has continued her sports career in Hungary, Poland, and the USA; sports masters Sozinova Nataliia – in Germany, Pakhalchuk Tetiana – in France. Today some B. Halytsky's pupils continue their sports careers in other countries: Anna Stepanyuk – in Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Indonesia; Inna Molodtsova – in Turkey; Julia Molodtsova – in Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland; Anna Dovhopolyuk – in Israel.

During the years of independence Volyn volleyball players in the national team of Ukraine were silver medalists of the European Youth Olympic Games (England); finalists of the European Championship (Portugal, Slovakia, Netherlands, and France); winners of international tournaments in Belarus and Slovakia [4].

Thus, for 40 years the women's volleyball in Lutsk has grown from the level of «newcomer» to «the master» thanks to the Honoured Coach of Ukraine, Honoured Educator of the Physical Culture and Sport of Ukraine, Vidminnyk Osvity, the referee of the national category, the former member of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, the long-time head coach of the national youth girls team of Ukraine, acting director of the Youth League, Bohuslav Andriyovych Halytsky, and coaches who select prospective girls at the sports bases of four secondary schools in Lutsk. The sports school trains 8 groups of initial, 9 groups of basic and 2 groups of special training of young volleyball players. In general, the Volyn–University–Sports School for Children and Youth team is replenished not only thanks to the younger generation, but also due to volleyball players from other regions of Ukraine who come to study at Lesia Ukrainka Eastern European National University.

**Conclusions and Perspectives of Further Achievements.** At a time when Western Ukraine was part of Poland, volleyball was part of a program on physical education of Lutsk schools. The beginning of the history of volleyball in Lutsk is linked to the establishment of the Regional Sports School for Children and Youth and the faculty of physical education at Lutsk State Pedagogical Institute named after Lesya Ukrainka (in 1969). In 1974 the graduate of the mentioned above faculty B. A. Halytsky was appointed a coach in the

Youth College. Since then, the Lutsk Sports School for Children and Youth has become the basis for the training of volleyball players who have covered the path from the team of newcomers to the champions of Ukraine and entered the super league during the 2006–2007 season.

At the present, the team of Lutsk volleyball players is one of the strongest in the super league of Ukraine. Thanks to this, both the number of volleyball sections of different age groups and interest in this sport have increased, and Lutsk has become the center of future volleyball players growth that defend the sporting honour of our country at international competitions.

Further research will be related to the investigation of archival data on volleyball clubs, sections and information on volleyball competitions in Lutsk during the period of 1900–1950.

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