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Dear All !

The memorial tablet was launched !

He was a sports leader giant a phenomenon ,zionist jewish leader!

Never forget Zoltan Dückstein .

The VAC (the Fencing and Athletic Club)

The only club with an exclusive Jewish membership was the Fencing and Athletic Club. It was established in 1906 by a well-known Zionist leader, Lajos Dömény (Deutch), who was simultaneously the founder of the Kadima scout group and the "Jewish Popular Magazine", the first Zionist paper in the country. VAC was the first truly Jewish sports club in Europe to be able to surpass the gymnastics movement in popularity. VAC's basis was the Jewish High School: the club used the school's facilities, most club leaders were simultaneously teachers (**e.g. Zoltán Dückstein**) and the bulk of the sportsmen were students of the school. For any sports club the only way to join the sporting life of the country was to participate in various national championships. Although the best Jewish sportsmen were not VAC members, VAC was able to achieve an outstanding position in many sports. Apart from fencing and athletics, the club had gymnastics, soccer, swimming, water polo and boxing divisions. Later, from the 1920s on, table tennis, handball, basketball and tennis divisions were established. National championships were won by VAC's men's gymnastics team and men's and women's table tennis teams. At the beginning of the 1920s the soccer team was in the Premier League. VAC played an outstanding role in the introduction and popularisation of handball and table tennis in Hungary.

When reading the names of sports clubs with a Jewish orientation, you will find a regional or national adjective at the start of the name (Budapest, Újpest, Hungarian, National, etc.). This is

evidence of the patriotic orientation already stressed by Schuschny as a desired objective of Hungarian Jewry.

Outstanding Jewish sportsmen could be found in almost all sports, maybe with the exception of such traditionally aristocratic or military ones like polo or the pentathlon.

Fencing was the area we achieved most of the successes, as shown in the Olympic statistical data already mentioned at the beginning of my presentation. This ardent interest in fencing might be explained by the extremely high educational level of Hungarian Jewry. Fencing duels were fashionable at that time, but only men with a high-school education were permitted to fight. The great probability of anti-Semitic insults and a desire for better means of self-defence may have been the reasons why young people turned to fencing, which was also a subject at almost all high schools in the country. At least before World War I, success was partly made possible by the fact that the joint Austro-Hungarian Army forbade its officers to participate at the Olympic Games. This prohibition served the interests of sportsmen of non-military – in many cases Jewish – origin.

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