



MOZZART TIMES

Historic fencing

Our questions
go to Mr. Váňa

MozOL
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MozOL

What is MozOL? And when it was?

On 21. 12. 2022 the first round of the theme day “Sport around us” called MozOl happened in our school. The finale of these Olympics was placed on 2. 2. 2023.

This action was organized by students of our school with the support of the teaching staff, who made referees during the Olympics.

For this year of MozOl these three sports were chosen: basketball, volleyball, and floorball. All classes got the opportunity to sign up one team in each of these sports. Every representing team was assembled of twelve members. Everyone had the opportunity to participate in the Olympics, including those, who are not anyhow sportingly focused or those, who didn't really identify with the chosen sports. That is because an indispensable part of the competition was the organization team. Those who did not find satisfaction in participating in any of these sports had a diverse selection of other activities to choose from, more specifically swimming, ice skating, and yoga. This day followed the second part of MozOl, which happened on the already mentioned date 2. 2. 2023. In this part, only the two most successful teams from each year in every sport participated. In the playoff, each of our school's classes was represented .

The best of the best

The most successful players of the MozOL were:

Pánek – 1.C – basketball – the most shots (boys) – 45

Vlašičová – 4.B–Basketbal – the most shots (girls)- 29

Bělohlav – 4.A – floorball – the most goals – 11

Nedělka – 3.C – floorball – the most assists - 7

Winners

As for classes, the third position went to 3.C, 3.A placed second and the complete winner of this year's MozOl became 4. A, which was awarded a beautiful champions cup.

The event itself was liked by many people. As a member of the organization, I had the opportunity to notice the enthusiastic players and their fans, who showed the same amount of enthusiasm as the players themselves.

I dare to label this day as a success, and I strongly hope that the summer MozOl will have the same easy progress in the future as well.

Historic fencing

Wtf, I thought, that the era of knights and princesses has been over for a long time!

Do you think the days of knights and princesses are over? The opposite is true. Here in the Czech Republic, castles and chateaux come alive every summer. As a part of the historic events jugglers, dancers, musicians or historic fencers perform here. And fencers are our topic for this article.

Okey, then what “Historic fencing” is?

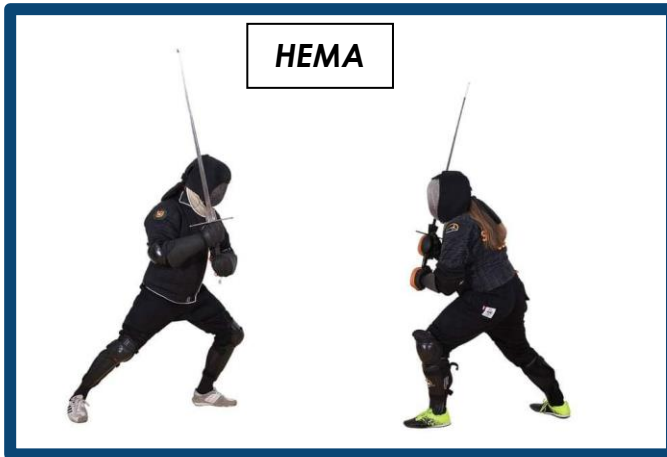
Historical fencing is a hobby that connects people interested in history, movement, fantasy, but also in action movies. It's for everyone. At first glance fencing performances can look more like theatre show. Of course, the acting skills is also important part of fencing, but much more attention is paid to the action fights.

The fencers patiently learn to work with cold steel weapons at training. This is helped by textbooks by the old fencing masters from the times when fencing was still a matter of survival. The first fencing exercise book dates back to the 14th century. Among the important fencing teachers from the history are fencers such as Johannes Lichtenauer, Hans Talhoffer, Joachim Meyer, Ridolfo Cappel Ferro da Cagli, Salvator Fabris and the others.

HEMA

Historical fencing as a martial art is called HEMA. This acronym means Historical European Martial Arts, which perfectly defines the whole hobby. HEMA fencers do not perform at castles. Instead of it they are going to the fencing tournaments, where they

measuring their strength with their opponents. They are trying to simulate real swordfight in a protective clothing. They are testing how medieval fencing techniques work in practice and developing together in this martial art.



The branch of historical fencing, which I want to focus on next in this article, is the so-called scenic fencing. That's what you can see at the castles and chateaux. At the same time, it is also a hobby that I pursue. Stage performers basically need most of the knowledge that HEMA fencers have, but they also need to master gymnastics, have basic acting skills and also be

creative. Their job is to create fencing choreographies that looks as realistic as it is possible but which also looks very attractive to spectators.

Typical country with fencing..., the yeah Czech Republic

I would like to mention that Czech fencers belong to the top in the world. Quite possibly it is because of the number of castles, chateaux and ruins we have here. Fencing also has a great tradition in our country. The first scenic groups were formed in the middle of the 20th century. At present Czech fencers have developed to such an extent that you can see them in theatres and cinemas. The best ones make a living as stuntmen or they teach fencing professionally.



If I had to be specific, it is definitely worth mentioning the groups Merlet and Adorea. The Merlet group currently operates as an agency that works mainly on action films. The Adorea group, on the other hand, has reached the highest level in fencing on stage and it is highly valued in our region. There is the historical fencing group Zubří here in Pardubice, which also maintains the high quality of its performances.

So do I know someone who can do this? Yes, you can because...

And fencing is also big part of my life. I personally perform with my younger brother as a fencing group ViMa and at the same time I perform with the group Servus Bellum from

Nový Bydžov. I have performed at dozens of events in the Czech Republic but also in Slovakia and Austria during my career so far. I have also had some experience with making films. Last year, for example, I participated in the stunt part of the student film *Zbojník*.

So, knights and princesses still exist, though not in the form they used to be. Historical fencing is definitely worth seeing and I believe that it will delight spectators at historical events even in the future. At least I'll try doing my best to make it that way.



Matěj Kulhavý ; 2A

A soldier in WW2, who fought only with a sword and arrows

Jack Churchill was born in 1906 in the capital city of Sri Lanka. He graduated at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst in the year 1926, he also played in two movies and won several bagpipe competitions. After the beginning of World War II entered the British Expeditionary Force, with which he soon retreated from France, which was being rapidly conquered. But before he was evacuated from Dunkirk, he killed multiple German soldiers just by using a sword and arrows. Their comrades in arms were very surprised, when they discovered their bodies with fatal wounds, which corresponded more to a medieval battle rather than the modern way of warfare. Allegedly Jack shot one enemy noncommissioned officer straight to the heart.

In 1941 he joined the Commandos units. Job description of these special forces also includes amphibious landings – attack, destroy and disappear. During one landing on a Norwegian island Jack played a song called *The March of the Cameron Man on the bagpipes and then he threw himself into the battle wielding a sword in his hands*. The operation ended with a grand success and Jack was granted the honors.

Further during the landing at Salerno, he and his unit faced twice as many soldiers and managed to capture several dozen Germans. Several days later with the help of corporal Ruffell, he succeeded in capturing four more dozen German soldiers including a mortar operator, meanwhile he fought only with the help of his classical gear.



After Italy, Jack and his unit were sent to Yugoslavia to the island of Brač, where they were supposed to help the local guerrillas. The battles there were hard and bloody, one day Jack ran out of luck. He got surrounded and despite the hopeless situation he kept playing the bagpipes until he lost his consciousness after being hit to the head by a grenade shrapnel.

He was placed into a special camp for important captives in a sector of Sachsenhausen. It was because the Germans presumed he was a nephew of Winston Churchill, which Jack obviously was not. When the Gestapo found out that Jack is from a special commando, they wanted to execute him. Luckily the leader of the camp Hans Thüener at his own risk declined the demands

of the „civil butchers“. He saved Churchill's life, who in return wrote him a letter, in which he told him that he appreciates, how well he treated the British soldiers, thanked him for his humanity, and said that if he ever visited England after the war ends, Jack is inviting him for diner with him and his wife. This letter saved the life of the german captain because when he was captured after the war and was to be convicted of committing war crimes, Jack's letter proved otherwise.

Together with an officer of the RAF he dug a tunnel and managed to escape from the camp. On the run, they ate stolen fruit and whatever they could catch. German soldiers captured them on their journey and sent them to another camp from which Jack escaped once again in April of 1945.

When the war ended Jacko was very disappointed, that he will not be able to fight anymore. After the war he dedicated lots of his time to sports, he surfed the River Severn and took up many other adrenaline-filled hobbies. This warrior breathed his last in his sleep in the year 1996.

Jack's most famous quote became the statement: "Any officer who goes into action without his sword is improperly dressed."



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Martina Drahá ; 2A

The battle of Eastern Czechia, part 3

Dynamo vs Mountfield

The third Eastern-Czech derby happened on 20th of January, and it is the third clash of these agelong rivals. Dynamo defending its first place stood up against a team from the middle of the charts. The first match was dominated by Dynamo with a score of 5:2, however, they lost the second match, and Hradec won 4:0. Last season the positions were switched, Hradec managed to obtain 8 from 12 possible points, and thanks to that it dominated the east of Czechia. This year Dynamo is in the lead and with its loaded cadre it is boasting with the fact that it obtained 74,797%. If Dynamo continued like this, it would end up 3 points behind the record of the extra Ligue. Hradec, however, has only 47,5%.

Derby isn't a basic match

Dynamo already equalized one record, the most wins in a row, 13 to be exact. Derby is however a completely different kind, and the seasons' numbers don't really matter there. Pardubice got slowed down by the first attack, Hradec on the other hand by extremely low productivity. The playing of the derby was noticeable, in the first third almost 50% of the time was played in the superiority of one of the teams. Special situations are a huge weakness for Pardubice this season, however, they used the third superiority in the match to lead 1: 0.

The second third

In the second third 40% of the time was with a different number of players on the ice, Pardubice benefited from it again. Tomáš Vondráček had scored for the second time, while they played in the weakened position.

The last part of the match

In the last part of the game, we might have expected some pacification, but the opposite is the truth. In a non-standard number of players was played 70% of it. Seven minutes before the end Radovan Pavlík lowered the gap, however, in a superiority, Lukáš Sedlák decided of the winner, and in the finish, Matěj Paulovič insured it by scoring into the empty wicket.

An interesting fact is, that for all the shooters in the last third, it was their fifth goal in the current season. Hradec shot more than Dynamo, which however had an effectivity of 15,3%, so Hradec went home with empty hands. Before the end of the season, there is awaiting us one more derby. Pardubice, however, is walking towards a completely different milestone than winning a derby. In their hundredth season, they are on their best path to their seventh title. If they manage to get it is the question. Hradec, nevertheless, most likely won't be it, because of which we can breathe out in relief.

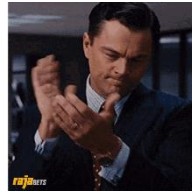
Robin (Guha) Novotný ; 2A

Anonymous survey results

*Just for the record, our survey has been absolutely anonymous.
The answers refer to the last approximately one to two months*

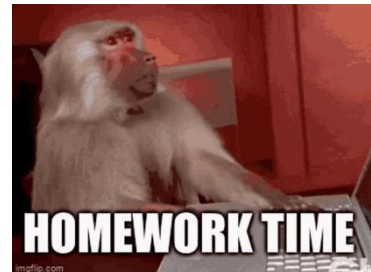
The BEST joke(s) has been said by...

1. Mgr. Jan Váňa, *with 135 votes.*
2. Mgr. Martin Sochor
3. Mgr. Květa Sýkorová



The WORST homework(s) has been given by...

1. Mgr. Jan Váňa, *with 108 votes.* Does it need comment?
2. Mgr. Karel Šild
3. Mgr. Michaela Plhová



The BEST outfit has been worn by...

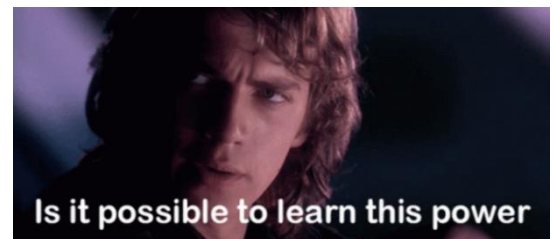
1. Mgr. Johana Kalenská, *with 90 votes.*
2. Mgr. Květa Sýkorová
3. Mgr. Karel Šild

The HARDEST or LONGEST test has been given by...

1. Mgr. Jan Váňa, *with 80 votes.* Hey, you're here quite often.
2. Mgr. Karel Šild
3. Mgr. Květa Sýkorová

The most minutes to the hour has added...

1. Mgr. Karel Šild, *with 114 votes.*
2. Mgr. Jan Váňa
3. Mgr. Rita Chalupníková



The most extravagant outfit has been worn...

1. Mgr. Karel Šild, *with 95 votes.*
2. Mgr. Květa Sýkorová
3. Mgr. Zdeňka Rejmanová

“Radim“ (Řádím) z drbacího účtu mozartak_gym

Today's questions goes to...*Mgr. Jan Váňa*

Why have you chosen geography?

I enjoyed it in high school.

What part of geography do you like to teach the most?

The biological sphere in general.

Rather semolina porridge or "halušky" with cabbage?

"halušky" with cabbage.

Who is your idol?

I don't have one.

Have you ever thought about stopping to teach? If yes, what would you want to do instead?

I think about it all the time and I don't know what I would do.

Have you ever tried any other job than teaching?

Yes, I've worked in public benefit activities and as a warehouseman.

What is your life motto?

Honesty is the best policy. It's better to handle things with an outlook and humor.

What made you teach?

There were too many opportunities, so I decided to take an exam to become a teacher and I succeeded.

How do you imagine your ideal free day?

No one bothering me and calling me. Just spending time with my family and doing some manual work.

What is the worst day of the week?

Tuesday or Wednesday

What is the best day of the week?

Saturday or Sunday

Have you ever used cheat sheets while studying?

Yes, I've used them three times, I had them on paper sheets and on my arm.

What has been the best cheat sheet you've seen so far?

Probably the one hidden in a pen or on an arm.

Does the current school system suit you?

No, it doesn't. I'd like to see a bigger revision of the curriculum and some small changes in the marking system.

Do you think the teenagers are changing for the worse or for the better?

They are changing with time. Some are better, some are worse.

If you could change one thing in the school system what would it be?

The revision of the curriculum.

What is your favorite food in the school canteen?

Cowboy beans and beans in general.

What is your favorite class?

4. A and my favorite classroom is 1/II – the geography one.

To what teacher would you hand over “the word”?

Ms. Škarvadová

Burda Matyáš; 2.A + Jan Váňa; staff

That's it!

You have reached the end of our first magazine for the year 2023! Thank you so much for your support!

We should note that this edition, like all the ones to follow, has been taken over by a new class, G2.A. We feel a great honor and at the same time an obligation to continue to provide quality articles as the class before us did. We hope you enjoyed it and we will try to keep improving ourselves to release even better articles than now!

In addition, we accept any ideas and comments for the new edition. If you think of anything that could help the magazine, let us please know.

Thank you to the authors, thank you to the translators (Sofie Hochmanová and Julie Kabelková) and thank you to the readers again!

See you in the next edition!

