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Sport in Europe

Hi there! Welcome to our magazine again, this is the third issue of our paper. We are back with some new information to you. This time we'd like to talk about sport. Everybody likes sport! It's very important in our lives, it keeps us fit and healthy.

In this issue you can learn about our pupils' favourite sports. Then you can see some photos from a special day in our school - Football Fan Day, which was organized to show how we support the Polish team for Euro 2012. We are real football fans. Have a look!

1. The most popular sports in Year IV

The survey showed that the most popular sports among 10-11 years old pupils are:

- football
- swimming
- volleyball

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

At school we do sport obligatory, it is one of the school subjects. In younger classes pupils do sport every day - they usually go out to the playground and play different games. It is more like having fun than playing a particular game. The most important is to move and be outside in fresh air.

When we start Year 4 we have 4 classes of PE regularly every week. It is like this until the end of secondary school. We have two hours per week of sport and exercises and two more hours of our favourite games. It means we have an option to choose - the variety of choice depends on the schools. In our school we can choose among: football, volleyball, handball, basketball, gymnastics or hockey. The most popular are football and volleyball. In big cities where there are more opportunities the students can choose swimming, martial sports or even dancing.

2. My favourite sport - pictures made by pupils in Year 1 (7 years old).







3. Football Fan Day

Poland and Ukraine are organizing Euro 2012. It is a big event for us, we host lots of tourists in our country. We support our national team as much as we can. And although we know that the best team will win, we do believe it may be Poland;-) Go Poland goooooooooooooooooooooo !!!



On this day we came to school with scarves and caps, flags and lots of white and red make-up on our faces. We shouted and sang songs to support our team.

Have you ever seen better fans? I bet you haven't ;-)))



4. Poland is better in winter sports. We have two big sportspersons nowadays - **Justyna Kowalczyk** i **Adam Małysz**. Both are great

skiers and champions in ski running and ski jumping. Adam Małysz finished his career last year but he already has a good follower **Kamil Stoch**. Poland is very proud of them.



Adam Małysz



Kamil Stoch



Justyna Kowalczyk

5. The Polish sportspersons famous all over the world



Robert Kubica
Marcin Gortat
F1 Racing Driver
player



Agnieszka Radwańska

Tennis player



Boxing champion



Tomasz Adamek

NBA

6. What do our pupils say about sport?

My favourite sport is volleyball. I like it very much. I play volleyball in a school with my colleagues and play in my home with my sister and my mother. I think I can play volleyball well. This is fun. Iza, aged 12.

My favorite sport is swimming. I like it because I like swim and water. I do not always swim, because I do not have time to go to the swimming pool.

My favorite sport at school is handball. I like it because I like to run and shoot at goal. This sport is very nice. I play handball at school.

My favorite sport is football too. I play football at school, with friends, brother, uncle. Football is cool!! Karolina, aged 12.

Sports in the Czech Republic

The most popular sports in the Czech Republic are football (soccer), ice hockey, volley-ball, tennis and kickball (an original Czech sport similar to volley-ball in which the players kick the ball over a low net.)

The most famous Czech sports grouping is the Sokol organisation. Sokol promotes national health and sports, and it played a key role in the national resistance to the Austrian Empire, the Nazi occupation and the Communist regime. It was founded in 1862, colourful gymnastics rallies were held regularly in Prague until the German occupation in 1938. The Communist regime banned the organisation after its 1948 rally, but Sokol continued to exist abroad. In July 1994, Sokol staged a triumphant return with a rally in Prague.

Football

Football is the most popular sport in the Czech Republic. The most popular club, AC Sparta Praha, is successful in domestic and European contests. F. Plánička, I. Bican, J. Masopust, Petr Čech, I. Viktor, A. Panenka, Z. Nehoda, T. Skuhavy, K. Poborsky, P. Berger and P. Nedved belong among the most famous Czech footballers.



Pavel Nedvěd



Petr Čech

Ice hockey

For years Czechoslovakia's national ice hockey teams have been among the top five or six national teams in the world. The national ice hockey team has won the World Hockey Championships seven times.

Today, Czech ice hockey suffers from a mass exodus of its best players to foreign leagues, especially to the NHL.

J. Jágr, D. Hašek, M. Straka, R. Holík, R. Reichel, M. Ručinský, Vujtek, J. Holecek, V. Martinec, I. Hlinka belong among the most famous Czech ice hockey players.



Jaromír Jágr



Dominik Hašek

Tennis

Czech tennis players have been remarkably successful in international competitions. One of them, Martina Navrátilová, is arguably the best female tennis player of all time. Today Petra Kvitová is one of the most successful tennis players in the world.



Petra Kvitová



Martina Navrátilová

Track and Field

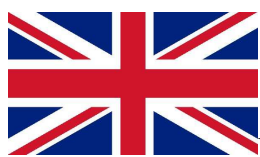
Czech athletes have made a great impression on track and field competitions. The runners Emil Zátopek and Jarmila Kratochvílová, the javelin-throwers Dana Zátopková, Jan Železný and Barbora Špotáková the discus-throwers Luděk Danek and Imrich Bugár, the decathlete Roman Šebrle and Tomáš Dvořák, the shot-putters Helena Fibingerová and R. Machura and others are among the most famous Czech athletes.



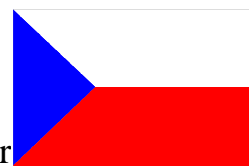
Emil Zátopek



Roman Šebrle



Sports in the Czech republic



In the Czech Republic there are many popular sports, but the most popular sport is football. Czech people watch football matches on TV. The biggest fans go to stadium and watch the match live. Fans follow many internet websites with results of matches. The best football teams are AC Sparta Praha, SK Slavia Praha, SK Teplice and many more. And the best football players are Petr Čech, Pavel Nedvěd etc.

The second popular sport in CR is ice hockey. These are the best hockey teams: Czech hockey extra league, The first national hockey league, HC Kometa Brno, HC Pardubice etc. The best hockey players are Jaromír Járg, Patrik Eliáš etc.

Arnošt Fridrich. Class 8.B

Summer Olympic Games in London



Our athletes were successful in OG 2012. We got 4 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 3 bronze medals. Altogether we got 10 medals.

Here are our gold sportsmen:

Barbora Špotáková, Miroslava Knapková, David Svoboda and Jaroslav Kulhavý.

Silver medals: Vavřinec/Hradílek, Ondřej Synek and Andrea Hlaváčková/Lucie Hradecká.

Bronze medals Adéla Sýkorová, Zuzana Hejnová, Daniel Havel and Lukáš Trefil. In my opinion Barbora Špotáková is the best athlete. I hope that we will get a lot of medals next olympic games.



Beáta Klobasová, class 8.B

SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES 2012

Our olympic team was very successfull.

Adéla Sýkorová won silver medal in shooting.

Vavřinec Hradílek won silver medal in water slalom.

Zuzana Hajdinová won medal 400m obstacles.

Barbora Špotáková won gold medal in javelin.

She threw 69,55 m

Ondřej Synek won silver medal in skiff.

Jiří Ježek won gold medal in cycling.

David Svoboda won gold medal modern penthanol.

L.Hradecká and A.Hlaváčková won silver medal in tennis,

Jaroslav Kulhavý won gold medal in cycling.



Paralympic Games 2012

Czech republic acqured 11 medal.

Jiří Ježek won gold medal in cycling

Radim Běleš won silver medal in athletics.

Rostislav Pohlmann won silver medal in athletic.

Jiří ježek won silver medal in cycling.

David Drahonínský won silver medal in archery.

Radek Procházka and Leoš Lacina won silver medal in boccia.

Tereza Diepoldová won silver medal in cycling.

Jan Pospíšil won bronze medal in swimming.

Eva Berná won bronze medal in athletic.

Jiří Bouška won bronze medal in cycling.

David Vondráček won bronze medal in cycling.



Paralympic Games



Květko Homolková, class 8.B

Olympic games 2012

In Olympic games 2012 Usain Bolt was again the fastest man on planet. In swimming the best swimmer was Michael Phelps.

Our Czech team won four gold medals:

Miroslava Knapková in skiff
Barbora Špotáková in javelin
David Svoboda in modern pentathlon
Jaroslav Kulhavý in cycling.

We had three silver medals:

Andrea Hlaváčková and Lucie Hradecká in tennis
Vavřinec Hradílek in kayaking
Ondřej Synek in skiff.

And bronz medals:

Adéla Sýkorová in shooting
Zuzana Hejnová in 400m obstacle
Jan Štěrba, Josef Dostál, Daniel Havel and Lukáš Trefil in water sprint.

Kristýna Skulová. 8.B

Valley View News

SPORT!

FOOTBALL

Valley View has football teams throughout the school.



In Key Stage Two there are boys and girls teams in Year 3, Year 4, year 5, and Year Six.

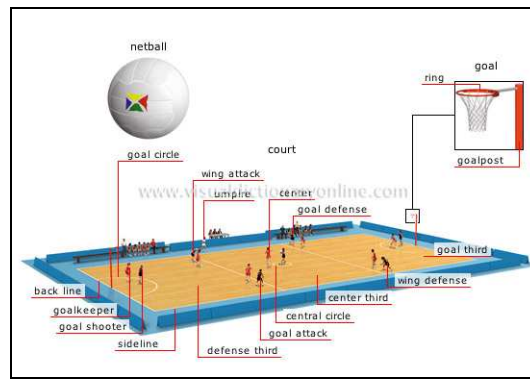


All teams play in competitions and we try to get as many children playing as possible, not just the best players.

Key Stage 1 children do not play in competitions they train during the summer and play small games for fun.

Reporter: Josh Barker

NETBALL



Boys and girls go to practices after school and play netball on the playground.

You need a marked netball court and two tall posts with what looks like a basketball net on top.

There are seven players in a team and they all have to stay in a certain zone to catch the ball except the Centre who can go anywhere to catch and pass the ball apart from the semi-circles. Only the Shooter can go there and score into the net.



Reporter: Lily Davidson

TENNIS

We have tennis players in Valley View who go to practices during the summer and who then are chosen to play in competitions against other schools in the area!



Most games are played in a sports hall, but sometimes the competitions are played outside.



Reporter: William Jones

RUGBY

Rugby is a tough sport and is split into two different types, Rugby Union and Rugby League.

In Union you need 15 players. In League only 13. We play Rugby League in our school. The most famous team we support is Leeds Rhinos who have been champions for the last five years. Leeds Rhinos send coaches to our school to help us play better!



You can see Ronnie the Rhino at the back of our winning team photo – Ronnie is the team mascot.

We only play tag Rugby with no tackling. You have to pull a tag off the other team's belt to stop



them!

In the picture above you can see the red tags hanging from a belt around the players' belts.

Reporter: Damian Macmillan

CRICKET

This is a very unusual game played with two teams of 11 players.

One sides bats and the other bowls, then the bowlers bat and the batters bowl!



A batter

Underneath you can see a picture of a bowler.



**The only way you can bowl in a real game of cricket is overarm,
Reporter: Alex Devaney**

SPORTS DAY

In Valley View we love athletics and have a Year Five and Year Six Athletics Team which competes against other schools in our local area.

One of our favourite days is SPORTS DAY in the summer where all the children take part in races and parents come to watch.



Parents race



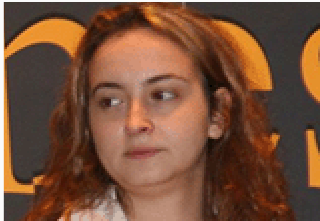
Sack Race



Egg & Spoon Race
Reporter: Kyle Crosby

BULGARIA

Famous Bulgarian Sports People



Antoaneta Stefanova

Antoaneta Stefanova is former world chess champion from 2005. When Veselin Topalov grabbed the same title in 2005, Bulgaria became the number 1 chess country in the world, having both of the titles, something no other country has done after the fall of the Soviet Union. Antoaneta Stefanova was born on April 19, 1979 in Sofia, Bulgaria. She received her first chess lessons from her father when she was only four years old. In 1986, at the age of six, she became Sofia champion.

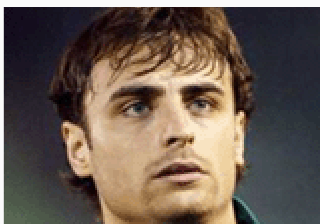
Borislav Mihailov

Borislav Mihailov is a former Bulgarian football goalkeeper. Currently he is the president of the Bulgarian Football Union, and also a member of the executive committee of UEFA. He has 3 children. His son Nikolay is a goalkeeper for the Bulgarian National Team.



Bulgarian Dream Team 1994

Forwards The leader of the team was undisputedly Hristo Stoichkov, an established footballer with FC Barcelona. As a left attacker/winger, Stoichkov covered a lot of ground and scored regularly in important moments. Upfront, he was helped out by former CSKA Sofia teammates L. Penev and Kostadinov. Penev, nephew of the team's coach, was the team's centre forward. With an impressive stature of over 1.90 meters, he roamed as a target man dominating in air battles. Kostadinov was a right winger.



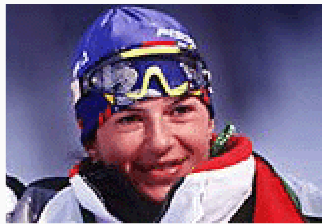
Dimitar Berbatov

Dimitar Berbatov was born on January 30, 1981 in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. He is the captain of the Bulgarian national team and is undoubtedly the best Bulgarian soccer player at the moment. Now, he plays as a striker for the English Premiership team Tottenham Hotspur. Dimitar Berbatov is one of the best soccer players in the world; he was nominated by FIFA for the same award in 2007. He has scored 38 goals for the Bulgarian National Team, one goal more than Hristo Stoichkov.



Dimitar Penev

Dimitar Penev is former football player. He used to play to the National Team and for CSKA Sofia. He participated in 90 games for Bulgaria national football team and scored 2 goals. He is regarded as one of his country's best ever defenders.



Ekaterina Dafovska

Ekaterina Dafovska won Bulgaria's first-ever Olympic gold medal in winter Olympic Games. She was born on November 28, 1975 in Chepelare, Bulgaria. For 15 years she has been among the most influential female biathlons in the world. She, along with Pavlina Philipova, is the main reason for biathlon to become popular in Bulgaria. When she was competing, biathlon was on TV in Bulgaria all the time. She was 22 years old on February 9, 1998 when she won the golden Olympic medal.



Emil Kostadinov

Emil Kostadinov or "The executioner of the roosters" was born on August 12, 1967. Emil Kostadinov is yet another great Bulgarian striker, who became famous for his last-minute goal against France, which devastated the over-confident French (one minute before the commentator already celebrated and said "It's in the pocket") and qualified Bulgaria for the 1994 World Cup, thus freeing the way towards what should become the most remarkable performance ever of Bulgarian football.



Georgi Asparouhov

Georgi Asparuhov (Gundy) was born on May 4, 1943, and died in a car crash on June 30, 1971. The Bulgarian footballer was a center forward for FC "Levski" Sofia during 1960-1961, and 1964-1971, and for FC "Botev" Plovdiv during 1961-1963. He had 245 games and 150 goals in the master's group. He was a top scorer in the 1965 Championship with 27 goals. He was a three time country champion in 1965, 1968, 1970, as a winner of the cup of sportsmanship. He was declared for footballer No1.



Grigor Dimitrov

Grigor Dimitrov is a Bulgarian Tennis Player. He is the most successful Bulgarian player ever, having scored number 48 in the World Ranking on Dec. 5, 2012. Originally from Haskovo, he resides in Paris, France.



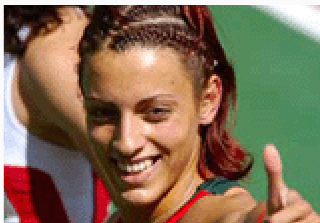
Hristo Stoichkov

Hristo Stoichkov is the most successful Bulgarian soccer player of all time. He debuted in professional football with CSKA Sofia and was later spotted by European giant FC Barcelona. Stoichkov earned global acclaim after winning the Spanish Primera Division four consecutive times and taking his club to Champions League glory in 1992. At World Cup 1994, Hristo Stoichkov was awarded the Golden boot as the top goal scorer of the tournament as he miraculously led his country to the semi-finals.



Iliana Raeva

Iliana Raeva is a former member of the Bulgarian National Rhythmic Gymnastics Team. She is a former World champion. Since 2008 to 2012 she was the head coach of the national team. Now, she is the President of the Gymnastics Federation. She is married to Nasko Sirakov, a former member of the Bulgarian National Football Team.



Ivet Lalova

Ivet Lalova is the fastest white woman on the planet. She was born on May 18, 1984 in a sports family. Her father was one of Bulgaria's fastest sprinters and her mother was also an athlete. In her career Ivet Lalova has 50 medals: 30 gold ones and 10 silvers, all of them are on 60, 100, and 200 m individual sprints. In 2003 she is rewarded "The most prospective sports person" by the foundation "Bulgarian Sport". In 2004 she is given a reward for breaking into the world's elite.



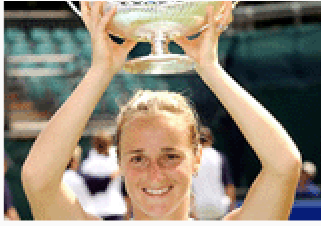
Krasimir Balakov

"Krasimir Balakov is the best play-maker in Europe", said of him Joachim Loew, trainer of Stuttgart to the Bild am Sonntag magazine in 1997. The sports media in Germany are still more generous in their praises of the 32-year old Bulgarian national football player. His class is really so high that the February attempt of the press to involve him in a conflict with the managers of his club ended by an invitation on the part of club president Meier-Vorfelder to Krasimir to hold a trainer's post.



Kubrat Pulev

Kubrat Pulev is a Bulgarian undefeated professional heavyweight boxer, best known to medal repeatedly at international tournaments as an amateur, winning the gold medal in the super heavyweight division at the 2008 European Championships. He currently holds the EBU Heavyweight title and the IBF International Heavyweight title.



Magdalena Maleeva

Magdalena Maleeva is one of the most successful Bulgarian female tennis players of all times. She was born on April 1, 1975 in Sofia, Bulgaria. In her professional career she has played 729 matches and won 439 of them. Magdalena Maleeva has entered Grand Slam tournaments 54 times and has 78 wins and 54 losses. She has accumulated 4.4 million USD from rewards in the tournaments she has played in. Maleeva has also participated in three Olympic Games: Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004.



Maria Grozdeva

Maria Zdravkova Grozdeva is a Bulgarian sport shooter, concentrating on both 25 metre pistol and 10 metre air pistol. She is the only woman EVER to have successfully defended 25 metre pistol title at the Olympic Games. She has five Olympic medals including two gold medals. She has also participated successfully at CISM World Championships and ISSF World Cups.



Nasko Sirakov

Nasko Petkov Sirakov (Bulgarian: Наско Петков Сираков; born 26 April 1962) is a retired Bulgarian footballer who played mainly as a striker. Part of the Bulgarian team at the 1994 FIFA World Cup as it finished fourth, he was one of the most important footballers in the country in the 1980s/1990s, being a legend at Levski Sofia, a club he represented in four different spells. Having surpassed the 300-goal mark as a professional – he was crowned the country's top division topscorer four.



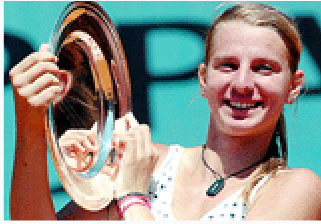
Naum Shalamanov

Naum Shalamanov (also Naim Suleimanov and Naim Suleymanoglu, born January 23, 1967 at Ptichar, Bulgaria) is a Turkish World and Olympic Champion in weightlifting. He won three Olympic Championships, seven World Championships and six European Championships and improved world records 46 times. Of Turkish descent born in Bulgaria, Naim Suleimanov was a boy wonder who set his first world record in weightlifting at age 16. Due to his small stature, he was nicknamed "The Pocket Hercules".



Neshka Robeva

Neshka Robeva is a former Bulgarian rhythmic gymnast, former coach of the National Bulgarian Rhythmic gymnast team and currently a coach and owner of club "Levski". She was a head coach of the national team for 25 years and during that time, her students won in total 294 medals. She is divorced and has 1 child.



Sesil Karatancheva

Sesil Karatancheva is the Bulgarian wonderkid of professional tennis. She was born on August 8, 1989 in Sofia. Raised in a sports family, her father was Bulgarian National Champion in rowing and her mother was also Bulgarian National Champion, but in volleyball. Trained at the prominent tennis school of Nicholas Bollettieri, Sesil Karatancheva made her debut in professional tennis at the age of 14, in 2003. The same year she won 3 ITF (International Tennis Federation) titles.

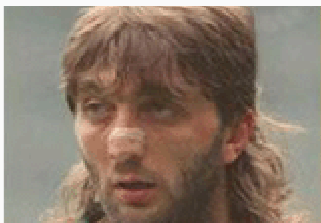


Stefka Kostadinova

Stefka Kostadinova is still the reigning world record holder in the women's high jump with 2.09 m which she jumped at the 1987 World Championships in Athletics in Rome. More than 20 years old, this record is one of the oldest records in athletics. Stefka Kostadinova has set 7 world records throughout her career: three outdoor records, and four indoor records. She has jumped over the psychological line of 2.00 m 197 times in her career, which is the best female achievement of all time.

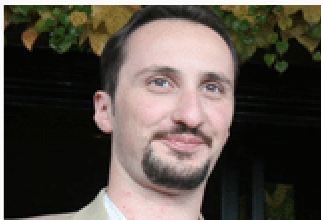
Stilyan Petrov

Stilyan Petrov is the Captain of the Bulgaria Football Team. He also plays for Aston Villa in the Premier League. In 2003 he won the Bulgarian Footballer of the Year award. In March 2012, he was diagnosed with acute leukaemia and he had to temporarily retire from football. In August, it was announced his leukaemia was in remission.



Trifon Ivanov

Trifon Ivanov is certainly along with Hristo Stoitchkov and Emil Kostadinov the symbol of this highly talented generation of football players, who transformed the Bulgarian national team into one of the most feared teams around the world. At the 1994 World Cup he was certainly one of the main characters of the Bulgarian miracle, which saw Bulgaria browse through the competition on to the semifinals after having secured their qualification by a last-minute goal against France in 1993.



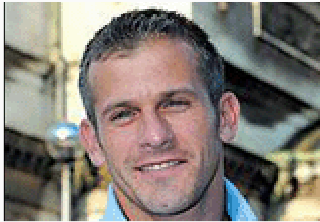
Veselin Topalov

Veselin Topalov was born on March 15, 1975, in Rousse, Bulgaria. His father taught him his first chess lessons when Veselin was 8 years old, ever suspecting that one day his son will become the chess champion of the world. Veselin Topalov shows his great talent for first time in 1989 in Puerto Rico when he becomes chess champion of the world in the Under 14 World Championship. In 1990 he became second in the Under 16 World Championship in Singapore.



Yordan Lechkov

The Bold Magician - The Bold Genius! Bulgaria had only qualified for World Cup USA 94 by scoring a goal in the dying seconds against France in their final qualifying game, and had never won a match in the finals prior to the competition. David Ginola, whose mistake led to the goal, never played again for France while there was little expectation from Bulgaria. Few gave us a chance against the reigning World Champions in the quarter-finals.



Yordan Yovchev

Yordan Yovchev is arguably the finest men's gymnast alive. In his collection he has four gold medals from World Gymnastics Championships, four Olympic medals (one silver, and three bronze), three gold medals from European Championships and many, many others. Yordan Yovchev was born on February 24, 1973 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. In 2006, Yordan Yovchev was officially announced as one of the greatest gymnasts in the history of the sport by the International Federation.

Most Popular Sports in Bulgaria

There are many popular sports in Bulgaria, as in every other country. The most popular sports in Bulgaria are soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis and gymnastics. Due to the poor financial state of sports in Bulgaria, they are not on such an advanced level as the sports, for example, in England, but despite that young people still get involved in them.

Probably one of the most popular sports in Bulgaria is soccer. Bulgarian players are known all over the world for their skills.

Many European teams often buy out players in the Bulgarian national championship; this is probably the only way for Bulgarian players to succeed in sports. Some of the most successful soccer players from Bulgaria are Dimitar Berbatov, Hristo Stoichkov, and Martin Petrov. Dimitar Berbatov and Martin Petrov are now playing in the English Premier League, and Hristo Stoichkov has played in the Spanish La Liga. Like all of the sports in Bulgaria, players that stay in Bulgaria often get the minimum wage for that country.

In addition, there are not many spectators, as one would think watching and supporting some of these sports in Bulgaria. Soccer has the highest popularity among all of the other sports in Bulgaria, which is why there are many junior soccer teams. Children can join a soccer team in Bulgaria if they want as early as the age of seven.

Some of the other most popular sports in Bulgaria are basketball and volleyball. Bulgarian teams are some of the best in certain sports in Bulgaria and all over the world. Bulgarian's national volleyball team took part in the finals of the world championship last year, and the Bulgarian's national basketball team took part as well. Those two sports are very popular in Bulgaria and have many supporters all across the country and the courts are always full with

spectators, even the Bulgarian President has been known to watch some of the sports in Bulgaria. The volleyball and basketball national championships are some of the best in Europe. The success that these two teams have achieved is the pride of all of the sports in Bulgaria.

In addition to soccer and tennis, some more of the popular sports in Bulgaria are tennis and gymnastics. These two sports have a depth of traditions in Bulgaria, and have some of the best teachers for these two sports in Bulgaria. Bulgarian gym athletes are usually found in the top three in every championship that takes place all over the world.

One of the best gym athletes of Bulgaria is Jordan Iovchev. He is probably one of the most successful gym athletes in the history of the sports in Bulgaria. Jordan Iovchev usually wins the gold medal at the Olympics. As for the Tennis schools in Bulgaria, they are not considered world class but they do have great teachers that train some of the best Bulgarian tennis players. For example, Malleeva Tennis School, tennis classes are taught by the best Bulgarian tennis player known to Bulgaria, Magdalena Malleeva. She the best Bulgarian tennis player of all time, and has competed in some of the most prestigious world tournaments such as the Roland Garos, and the American Open.

Despite the fact that there is a lack of financial support for the many sports in Bulgaria, their popularity grows. The junior teams of all of the sports in Bulgaria have many organized tournaments, so that the children involved can stay in shape and possibly someday become another one of the excellent players of one of the many sports in Bulgaria.