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## History of Vlasim's football club

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This document contains history of our football club in Vlašim city, all known and verified facts. More detailed history is still being processed but it is not yet done.

#### **HISTORY OF FC GRAFFIN VLAŠIM**

The history of the club goes back to 1922 when the club (FC Graffin) was founded. First competition was played in 1939 (3<sup>rd</sup> "class") from which delegated to higher level (second "class"). This level our footballers played until 1941. Year after was our team again at higher level (1<sup>st</sup> "B class") in which remained till the end of Second World War. From 1949 there were played 1<sup>st</sup>"A class", region's Championship, district's Championship and then the division. The biggest success came in 1966 when Vlašim football team won through the 2<sup>nd</sup> league in former Czechoslovakia.

The year after Vlašim justified its success and got to semifinal of Czechoslovakian football cup. First match was played against Slovan Bratislava and Vlašim lost (in Bratislava) 2:3. In 1968 Vlašim added another big success which was 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2<sup>nd</sup> league.

Unfortunately, the year after Vlašim relegated from 2nd league and in the city close to the famous Blaník mountain only the 3<sup>rd</sup> league was played. In 1974 Vlašim delegated to 2<sup>nd</sup> national league and the year after remained at 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Another success was the semifinal match of Czechoslovakian cup against Baník Ostrava in season 1977/78. After tied game Vlašim has lost 0:1.

In 1978 Vlašim won the Czech national league and qualified for the First Czechoslovakian league. Vlašim (at that time named Spartak BS) played the most important match of its history in 1978 started beating the football club VP Frýdek Místek (1:1 outside and 1:0 at home). In final there were strong rival – football club VSS Košice who won first match in Košice 4:1 and also second one in Vlašim (2:1). It is important to mention that a lot of people think that since that time Vlašim have not played the second league but they are wrong. When Vlašim (Spartak BS Vlašim) was displaced to division (1978), within next season (1979-80) delegated back to second (national) league. So, in 2009 when Vlašim delegated to 2<sup>nd</sup> league (in Czech Republic) it was actually progress after 29years (!). Second league began in 1981 by reorganization.

Nevertheless, it was not the only chance when Vlašim played for 1<sup>st</sup> league. 1<sup>st</sup> possibility occurred in season 1967-68 when Vlašim together with football club VCHZ Pardubice had both same points (37) and score decided. Unfortunately, at that time the determination was different than now – the score was divided with difference 0,17. Vlašim had 56:24 and Pardubice 50:20.Last round Vlašim played against Viktoria Žižkov and the progress was so close! It was just to beat them 8:0 but the result was 6:1 only. Match before Vlašim players equalized in Most 1:1 which was also important result (lost point). If Vlašim won this match they would have to win against Viktoria Žižkov by any score.

Further success came in season 1974-75 when Vlašim (as a beginner) fought for 1<sup>st</sup> league but it was not the plan actually. Team has finished the season at 3<sup>rd</sup> place (1<sup>st</sup> place after 2 delegated teams Lokomotivou Košice and Jednota Trenčín.

Once in history happened that Sparta Prague was playing 2<sup>nd</sup> league together with Vlašim – it was season 1975-76 and it was broadcasted on TV on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1975. The match ended with draw 1:1 with scoring Jirka Dozorec and unlucky Petr Roubíček (own goal). Standard attendance was at that time around five thousand people but for this game there were seven thousand people at the stadium.

Vlašim was playing second league for the last time in season 1979/1980 and it was for quite long time. Following seasons it was even minors. And so there were union of 2 teams (Kácov and Vlašim) in 2006 and became FC GRAFFIN Vlašim. Since that time there was a football bloom in Vlašim city. Vlašim won the divison and delegated to 3<sup>rd</sup> league where as a beginner remained 2<sup>nd</sup> (?!). It was great achievement.



Season 2008/2009 (delegation to 3rd league)

The year after Vlšim won the competition and delegated after a long time into 2<sup>nd</sup> league. In season 2009/2010 remained 7<sup>th</sup> which was not bad for the beginner from amateur league into professional one. Next season Vlašim started amazing "series" and until 11<sup>th</sup> has not lost the match. Unfortunately, the match against Dukla was last for goalkeeper Michal Toma who injured (broken his leg) and also head coach Nádvorník left the team (moved to first league). In Czech cup (Ondrášovka cup) Vlašim lost with leader of Czech league, FC Pilsen (also member of Champion's League) . After the match captain of Pilsen (Pavel Horváth) said; It was a tough match and Vlašim was playing well, the game was offset and for the fans very attracting. In second part of the season Vlašim remained again at 7<sup>th</sup> place.



Autum 2010, a lot of joy

Within the seasons in  $3^{rd}$  and  $2^{nd}$  league Vlašim players could rely always on their fans who supported them within whole country.



After each match players thanking to their fans

Last season was good also for Czech national junior teams who played there 3 international matches (U18 against Slovenia, U18 against Belarus and U16 against Switzerland.

Vlašim is playing its home matches at the stadium in Kolarova street with the capacity 6.000 people. Sport centre "Na Lukách" is also available for A team. At the same place there are playing also junior teams and in spring there opened new pitch with artificial grass which is the best in whole region.



Stadium in Kollárova street within the match





# GRAFFIN VLASIM

#### Stadium in Kollárova street



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#### Notable former players:

Vlček, Limberk, Kalenda, Legény, Liška, Štětina, Šafránek, Bílek, Slepička, Oščipovský, Savko, Borovička, Beran, Bartoň, Tramba, Obajdin, Šilhart, Hlaváč, Rajm, Hák, Voborný, Bouška J., Pavlíček, Macko, Voříšek, Votava, Čičatka, Zadák, Kocura, Ducký, Dvořák A., Dozorec, Rott, Tupec, Musil, Lukeš, Pupp, Charvát, Bušek, Budil, Kňazík, Koukal, Urban, Melichar, Kavina, Rosický, Ivančík, Jarkovský, Hřebík, Vejvoda, Macháček, Kašpar, Vrabec, Brzák, Findejs, Stojan, Kotrba, Zákostelský L., Kozel, Lukáš Křeček, Zdeněk Vořechovský, Jiří Veselý, Tomáš Šilhavý, Dušan Lizák, Martin Schuster, Lukáš Droppa, Marek Jungr, Martin Kotyza, Marek Nešpor, Roman Švamberg.

#### **Formel coaches:**

Vojáček, Matoušek, Ženíšek, Čambal, Bican, Zahradník, Franěk, Forejt, Pluskal, Hlaváč, Vejvoda, Vesecký, Zdeněk Hašek, Milan Matejka, Boris Kočí, Luboš Urban.



Boris Kočí, one of former coaches



#### **Honours:**

- 1922 Foundation
- 1939 1940 III. class
- 1940 1941 II. class
- 1942 1945 I. B class
- 1949 I. A class
- 1951- District championship- reorganization
- 1952 Regional championship
- 1965 1966 Division
- 1966 Delegation to 2<sup>nd</sup> league (for the first time)
- 1967 1968 Semifinal match of Czechoslovakian cup
- 1968 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Second league
- 1970 Relegation to Third league
- 1974 Delegation to Second national league
- 1975 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Second league
- 1977/78 Semifinal match of Czech cup
- 1978 1<sup>st</sup> place in Czech league and qualification for the First national league
- 1978 1979 Division
- 1979 1980 Czech national league (second highest level)
- 1980 1981 Division
- 1981 1982 Second Czech national league (third highest level)
- 1982-1990 Division, regional championship
- 1990 Isolation from TJ Spartak BS Vlašim beginning of FC Vlašim
- 1990 1998 Third league (ČFL), Division, regional championship
- 1999 Relegation to I.A class
- 2004 Delegation to regional championship
- 2006 Division, union of Kácov and Vlšim beginning of FC GRAFFIN Vlašim
- 2007 Delegation to 3rd league (ČFL)
- 2009 1<sup>st</sup> place n Third league, delegation to Second league
- 2010 Second league, 7<sup>th</sup> place
- 2011 Second league, 7<sup>th</sup> place
- 2012 Second league 11 place

Current information see the club's official website <a href="www.fcgraffinvlasim.cz">www.fcgraffinvlasim.cz</a> as wel as Facebook with more than 1000 fans

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