

## **ABSTRACT**

In the monograph we analysed the historical course of individual classes of the Evening Run in Prešov. We examined the time period during which the Evening Run in Prešov was held and we uncovered the political, economic and social influences on this important sports event. In the work we compared the organisation of the championship in individual time periods and we identified specific period factors which created concrete circumstances for the event's realisation. Through the analysis of the course of individual classes of the Evening Run and through the study of the history of the town and the state we learned that the event with its fifty years of tradition was to some extent a mirror to the period in which it was realised. Each class of the Evening Run was to a large degree determined by the historical background of the town and the state. The work does not represent a statistical data summary, instead it causally interprets connections in the political, social and economic context, namely at the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment. The reason for carrying out the historical research was the fact that the event survived over fifty years during which there were implemented significant social and economic changes interfering with the lives of the population and influencing also the field of sport. The study of the primary period archive materials showed that the course, organisation and the realisation of this significant sports event in Prešov were influenced by political, economic and social factors, which changed in the fifty years in a great deal. The importance of the historical research in the monograph is based on the fact that this problem was never treated before, and it offers a new viewpoint of the history of the last fifty years through this sports event.

### **Key words:**

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Evening Run of Victory. athletics in Prešov. politics and sport