INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL ACTIVITY IN THE KINGDOM OF YUGOSLAVIA

Abstract
International basketball activity in Yugoslavia started in the mid-1930s. At the end of spring in 1935 the first public basketball game took place before Zagreb audience with the competing teams of Sokolsko društvo Zagreb II and Bulgarian students. The basketball team of YSC «Victoria» from Susak played two basketball matches hosting teams from Italy. On December 25, 1935, on Christmas Day, «Victoria» played against DA Fiume from Rijeka followed by the game versus «ROMSA» from Rijeka on February 12, 1939. Student national basketball selection of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia played its first international game against the B national team of Italy, which took place in Rome on March 20, 1938. In July of the same year, at Sokol competition in Prague, the Yugoslav national team played its first international game against Czechoslovakia. The initiative to admit Yugoslavia into the International Basketball Federation was made by the Sokol Association of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. During 1936 FIBA received two requests to admit Yugoslavia into its membership. By the mid-December 1936, FIBA reported to the Sokol Association of the K.of Yugoslavia that it was to be regarded as a representative of Yugoslavia and the 31st member of FIBA.

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