

My name is Karolina and I am going to read an article about :

SPORT IN ROMANIA

Sport is very important in every country. It is healthy and entertaining and it gives you a chance to be successful and proud of yourself. It can make the people forget their differences if their team wins, like we saw in *Invictus*, directed by Clint Eastwood. But not only that. It teaches discipline, patience, determination, hard work, courage. One more thing, it is a way of learning something important: leadership, teamwork skills and fair play. A lot of Romanian, Spanish and Polish sportspeople show us how to work on it.

In Romania the most popular sport is, first of all, football. A lot of people like gymnastics, basketball, handball and tennis, and other kinds of sport. The athletes won many gold medals at athletics, rowing, fencing and swimming. Romania has beautiful stadiums and facilities for sports competitions. There is also a traditional sport called oina, which is played with a bat and a leather ball, like baseball.

Lots of people in Poland know the name Nadia Comaneci. She was a great gymnast in 1980s. When this talented girl was just a teenager she worked hard and showed many skills that we mentioned at the beginning and is an example to follow for young athletes.

A famous athlete is also Simona Halep, one of the top tennis players. She has won a lot of singles titles. She won the tournament at the 2018 French Open and Australian Open finals. Another female, Christina Neagu is one of the greatest handballers and a champion goal scorer, according to rankings, the best in Europe.

When it comes to football, Gheorghe Hagi, a former Romanian footballer and coach is famous because of his stunning football skills. He is called the "King" or Maradona of the Carpathians.

Romanian people are very proud of their sportsmen and sportswomen and a lot of young people want to follow in their footsteps.

