



SLOVENIAN OLDIES

Dear Rugby Friends,

History

It all started in year 1962 when the first rugby game was held in Ljubljana. Little later a group of students, who liked rugby very much, established Ljubljana Rugby club, which soon became part of 'Železničarski atletski klub' Ljubljana (ŽAK - athletic club).

For the next couple of years the club participated in 1st Yugoslavian rugby division and was ranked between 3rd and 6th place.

Year 1978 the name of rugby club Ljubljana had changed into Ljubljana Koloys and later just to RFC Koloys, because in that time Koloys was the general sponsor of the club.

Better results were achieved by the junior team. They were once the winner of the Yugoslavian cup, and twice became national champions, in years 1974 and 1981.

The biggest success of the senior team happened in year 1986, when in the final of the Yugoslavian cup 'Maršal Tito', Ljubljana beat Nada from Split 4:3!

After that success Ljubljana Koloys became one of the best clubs in competition, and was ranked between 2nd and 4th place.

In year 1991 Slovenia became an independent country. In that period rugby went through some difficult times. The club was looking for new options how to start new competition and contacted with some clubs from Austria, Italy, Croatia and Hungary. Then the club Ljubljana united with RK Bežigrad under the new name RFC Green Dragons took part in the Adria league with Austrian clubs (seasons 92/93 and 93/94), where RFC Green Dragons was the best team.

Then in 1995 the club Koloys, on the initiative of some older players, again became independent and started under the new name RK LJUBLJANA. Soon the club found a new sponsor DHL, and for the next 3 years played as RK DHL LJUBLJANA.

Then RK Ljubljana and RK Bežigrad joined together with Croatian teams in the Jadranska liga and four times became champions of the Slovenian-Croatian league.

Then the club was renamed to RK Protonavto Ljubljana after a new sponsor.

In all those years (from 1995 on) RK Protonavto Ljubljana is still unbeaten in the national league.

During the last few years we were getting older, that's why today we are participating in as many tournaments as we can all over Europe.

So we can say, the whole Europe is our playground.