

Widzew Stadium sold out - the fans bought all the passes - 16224 pieces.

It is a phenomenon on a global scale. Playing on the fourth level, Widzew sold all available tickets for the spring season.

Widzew fans don't stop to amaze. A year ago, the city built a new stadium for the club. Fans rushed to the ticket offices and bought 15310 passes, despite the fact that the team is in the third division (fourth level league in Poland). It was a new Polish record in the number of seasonal tickets purchased.

However, this is not an ordinary club. It is a four-time champion of Poland, participant of the Champions League, which in the twentieth century could eliminate teams such as Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool FC or Juventus Turin. In 1983 Widzew reached the semi-finals of the European Cup.

What is more, Zbigniew Boniek started his great career in this club.

In 2015 Widzew, however, stood on the brink of bankruptcy. The club survived thanks to the involvement of the devoted fans. Fans took responsibility for the rebuilding of the club. The team began the return to the first league from the fifth level of the competition. Building a new stadium was a bull's - eye!

Fans have been waiting for their new home for years. When they finally got it, they fill it to the brim.

Every round football supporters broke the record in the number of purchased passes. They bought all possible places this winter - 16224. It is true that the stadium has 18008 capacity, but some places cannot be sold. For example, the sector for visitors and buffer zone.

What's important, card prices are very similar to those, which sell subscription clubs in the league. For the round, the expense is about PLN 150, and for the whole season PLN 250.

- This number is simply impressive. I have the impression that Widzew fans have developed in this way a specific bond that in spite of everything and everything, they will always be with this club. I am happy about it - emphasizes Tomasz Łapiński, the legendary captain of the club, with whom he won two titles of Polish champion and played in the Champions League. - Many of these fans were when we played in first league and had great successes. They still have memories of the Champions League and European Cups. However, on the fourth level of the competition, such a huge number of spectators on the stadium, seems not to be just a Polish record, this is a world record!

The fact, that all the tickets have been sold out, does not mean that you will not be able to enter Widzew. Another phenomenon of the club is a well-functioning system of freeing seats, which fans use very often. Fans who cannot be on the match, easily inform about it via the Internet.

Then the tickets goes back to the sale and the club earns the second time for the given place. The fans know that in this way, they make their own brick in the reconstruction of the club. The average number of vacant seats for each meeting was over two thousand.

Widzew does not forget about attracting young football fans to the stadium called the "Heart of Lodz". They can buy funded passes, which through the club and fans' associations are transferred to schools, orphanages or people who can not afford to buy a ticket.

Widzew is on the track to return to the top league. Moreover, the club gained a strategic sponsor - the largest Polish developer!

After the autumn round, the team is the third league's vice-leader. The team is trained by Franciszek Smuda. He is another club legend. Widzew won the Polish championship in 1996 and 1997 because of his support. He was also a coach of the national team.

He returned to Lodz to help rebuild the club. The team strengthened before the fight for promotion e.g. Robert Demjan, former Polish top scorer.

We invite everyone to follow the progress of Widzew in returning to the top in social media:

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