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### ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE THE APPEARANCE OF BASKETBALL IN NIŠ

**Abstract:** All previous research on the emergence of basketball in Nis proved that basketball first appeared in Niš immediately after the Second World War. However, through a deeper and more comprehensive research of available relevant documents, it is reliably known

that the Nislians first encountered the “American game” back in 1924. That year, Mr. William Weiland, in his capacity as director of the “American Red Cross in Paris” visited Niš and showed basketball and volleyball. In the period until the end of World War II, basketball was occasionally played, and after that period it became one of the most popular sports games in the family of “small sports”.

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