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Jim Riordan lived and worked in the Soviet Union for over five years in the 1960s. During that time he played football, briefly, for Moscow Spartak and started his mammoth doctoral thesis on the history of Russian and Soviet sport. Subsequently, he published several books on Soviet and communist sport, and was British Olympic Attache at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games.

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