

**“DON’T UNDERESTIMATE GIRLS...
SOME OF THEM ARE EVEN MORE GENUINE ULTRAS THAN YOU”**

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Abstract

Sports and football in particular are always considered to be typical male occupation which stresses male values and where the presence of the opposite sex is regarded as unnatural. In the last decade the European stadiums witness an unprecedented presence of women who attend the football games. This leads to the conclusion that the idea of male hegemony on the stadium could be questioned. The study is conducted among women – football fans in Bulgaria. The main questions which it aims to answer are: what are the ways of becoming a football fan; how do the female football fans spend their time in the circles which were until recently considered male; to what extent is their behavior on the stadium independent.