

SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES XXI

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Ph.D. Anton Gajdoš born on 1.6.1940 in Dubriniči (today Ukraine) lives most of his life in Bratislava (ex TCH, nowadays SVK). He comes from gymnastics family (his brother Pavel have world championship medals) and he devoted his life to gymnastics. His last achievement is establishment of Narodna encyklopedia športu Slovenska (www.sportency.sk). Among his passion is collecting photos and signatures of gymnasts. As we tend to forget old champions and important gymnasts, judges and coaches, we decided to publish part of his archive under title Short historical notes. All information on these pages is from Anton's archives and collected through years.



MEMORY ON OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO 1964

The first Olympic Games in Asia were in Tokyo (Japan) in 1964. Competition as never seen before. Modern technology everywhere.

Male gymnasts from Japan won the second consecutive team title. Japan team represented: Yukio Endo, who also won all around, parallel bars, silver on floor; Takuji Hayata who also won rings, Haruhiro Yamashita who also won vault, Shuji Tsurumi who was second in all around, parallel bars and pommel horse, Takashi Mitsukuri and Takashi Ono. Three gold medals went to other countries. Miroslav Cerar (Slovenia, ex. Yougoslavia) won pommel horse, Franco Menichelli (Italy) won floor and Yuri Titov (Russia, ex. Soviet Union) won horizontal bar. Gold medals were really gold medals, not just covered with gold film.

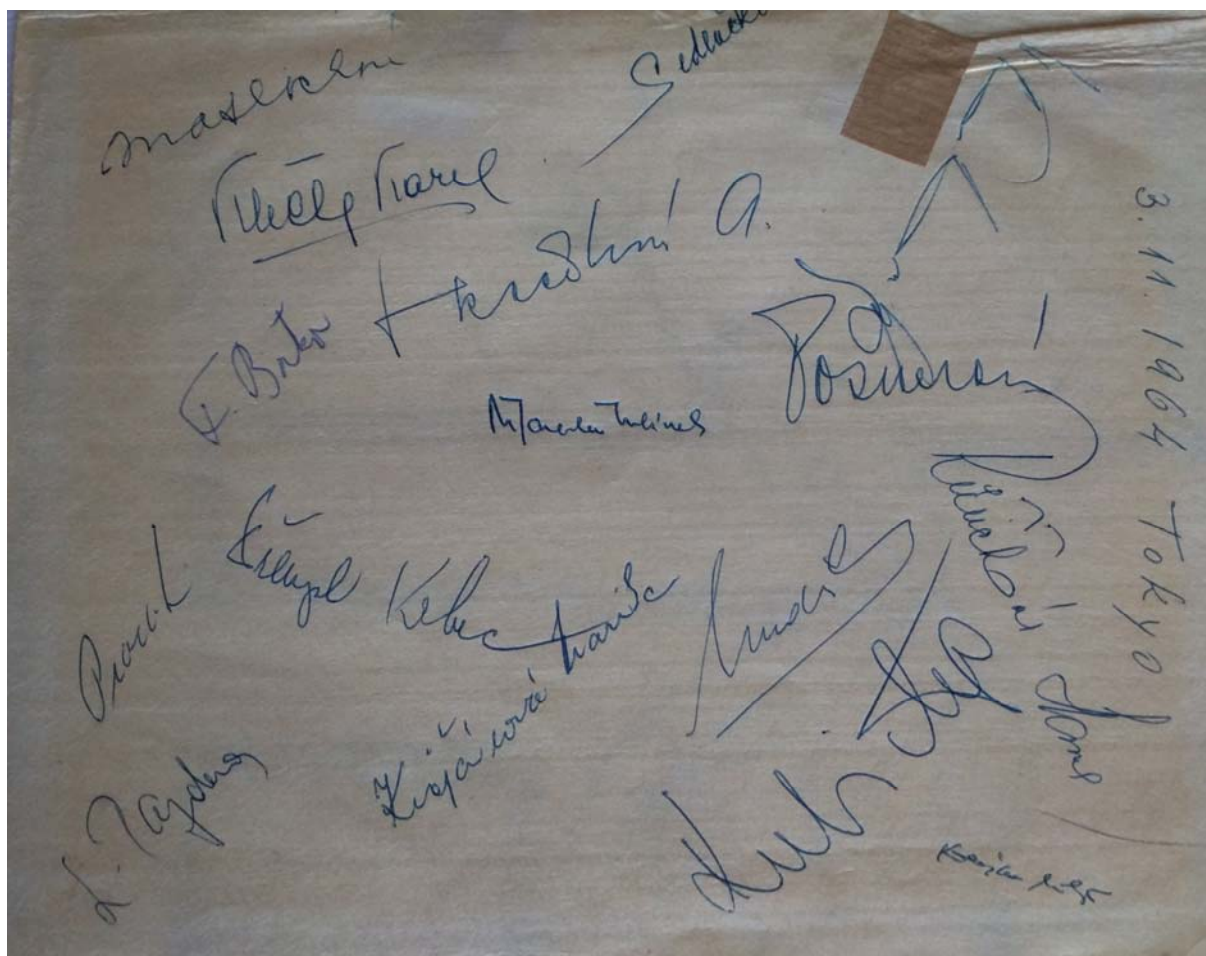
In women gymnastics Soviet Union dominated as a team, which was represented Larisa Latinina, who won on floor, was second in all around, vault and third on beam and uneven bars; Polina Astakhova who won uneven bars, was second on floor and third in all around; Tamara Manina was second on beam; Elena Voltchetskaya, Tamara Gromova and Tamara Zamotaylova. The most decorated gymnast was Vera Caslavská (Czech, ex. Czechoslovakia) who won all around, beam and vault, and second with team.

At the end the most successful country Japan had (5 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal), Soviet Union had most medals, but less gold ones (4 gold, 10 silver, 5 bronze medals). Medals had also Czechoslovakia, Italy, Yougoslavia, Hungary, United team of Germany and Finland.

Diploma from OG 1964 for Miroslav Cerar – 3rd place horizontal bar (Archive M.Cerar)



Gift from the Embassy of Japan in Slovenia, a newspaper excerpt on Miroslav Cerar victory, on photos are also Franco Menichelli, Vera Caslavaska, and Polina Astakhova in Tokyo in 1964 (Archive M.Cerar)



Autographs of Czechoslovakia teams - men and women at Olympic Games in Tokyo 1964 on napkin. From left: Matlochová Jaroslava-coach, Klečka Karel, Sedláčková Jaroslava, František Bočko -reserve, Tkačíková Adolfína, Vera Čáslavská, Posnerová Jana, Germany-wife of Kubička Václav, Prorok Vladimír- coach, Přemysl Krbec, Ladislav Pazdera, Krajčírová Marika, Mudřík Bohumil, Ružičková Hana, Kubička Václav, Kolečka Miloš - judge