SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES III

Anton Gajdoš, Bratislava, Slovakia

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. Happy 75th birthday. Chiers.

TAKASHI ONO

Born on 26th July 1931 in Noshiro, Akita, Japan. He was very universal gymnast and the first to challenge Soviet gymnasts. With his excellent exercises in all around he led Japan team also to the first victory in team competition at OG in Rome 1960 (in Rome he was also flag bearer for Japan). At 1964 OG in Tokio he was honored to give the Olympic Oath in the name of athletes. He is the most decorated Japanese gymnast with his original element in Code of Points.

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Ono element in Code of Points (FIG, 2013)

Takashi Ono exercise from 1956 OG (draw from Tadamiki Mori in Akitomo Kaneko (1970). Gymnastics Coaching Book II Horizontal Bar (Taisokyogi-Kyohon Tetsubo), FUMAIDO (Fumaido Shoten) p.268-269) as it is in Anton’s book of autographs.

JACK GÜNTHARD

Born on 1st January 1920 (Hirzel, Switzerland). After the WWII he competed at OG 1952 in Helsinki and World Championship. He was excellent gymnast on high bar, and after his gymnasts career, he was coach of Switzerland and also Italian national team. He was also member of FIG MTC, UEG MTC (also president), and he was long time in charge of University Games Gymnastics. After coaching position he worked at Sportschule in Magglingen and taught many generations of Switzerland gymnasts and coaches.
Olympic Games 1952 1. high bar, 2. team, 17. AA

World Championship 1954 3. team, 6. PB, 12. AA.

Part of Jack’s exercise at OG (draw from Tadamiki Mori in Akitomo Kaneko (1970). Gymnastics Coaching Book II Horizontal Bar (Taisokyogi-Kyohon Tetsubo), FUMAIDO (Fumaido Shoten) p.262-263) as it is in Anton’s book of autographs with his signature. Jack’s Hecht dismount from high bar.

EVA VĚCHTOVA-BOSÁKOVÁ

Born on 18th December 1931 in Mlada Boleslav (Czechoslovakia, today Czech), died 10th November 1991 in Prague. Her best apparatus was balance beam, where she dominated at OG 1960 and WC 1962. She was the first gymnast who performed at competition earthwheel (1956). She worked also as a coach.

Olympic Games 1952 3. team

1956 2.-3. BB, 4. UB, 4.-6. FX, 7. AA, 5. team

1960 1. BB, 2. team, 4. FX, 10. AA
World Championship
1954  2. AA, FX, BB, 3. team, 4.-5. UB
1958  1. FX, 2. team, AA, UB 5. BB
1962  1. BB, 2. team, UB, 4. AA, 4.-5. FX

European Championship
1957  3. BB, FX
1959  3. FX