

SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES XX

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.



ALFRED SCHWARZMANN (23 March 1912 Fürth, Germany – 11. March 2000 Goslar, Germany)

Alfred Schwarzmann was a soldier and his first major competition was OG in Berlin where he won 3 gold medals. In 1938 he left military service and began working as a physical education teacher. At the beginning of World War II he was part of the German army and participated as a parachutist in the battles in Poland, France, Italy and Soviet Union. In 1944 he was hospitalized and later came into British custody. After the war, he was still able to prepare for OG in Helsinki and placed 2nd on high bar at the age of 40. Both OG in Berlin and Helsinki were his only two important international appearances.

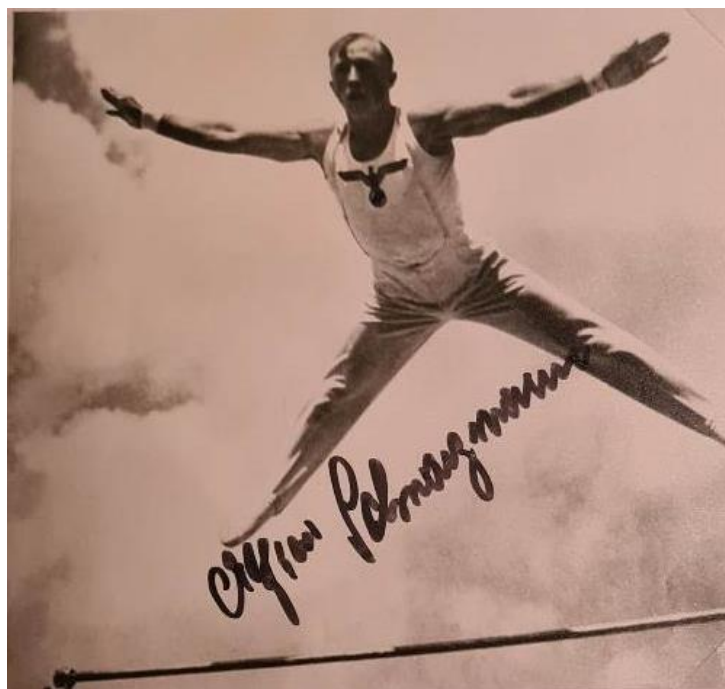
Results:

Berlin OG 1936

Gold: All Around, Team, Vault;
Bronze: Parallel bars, Horizontal bar

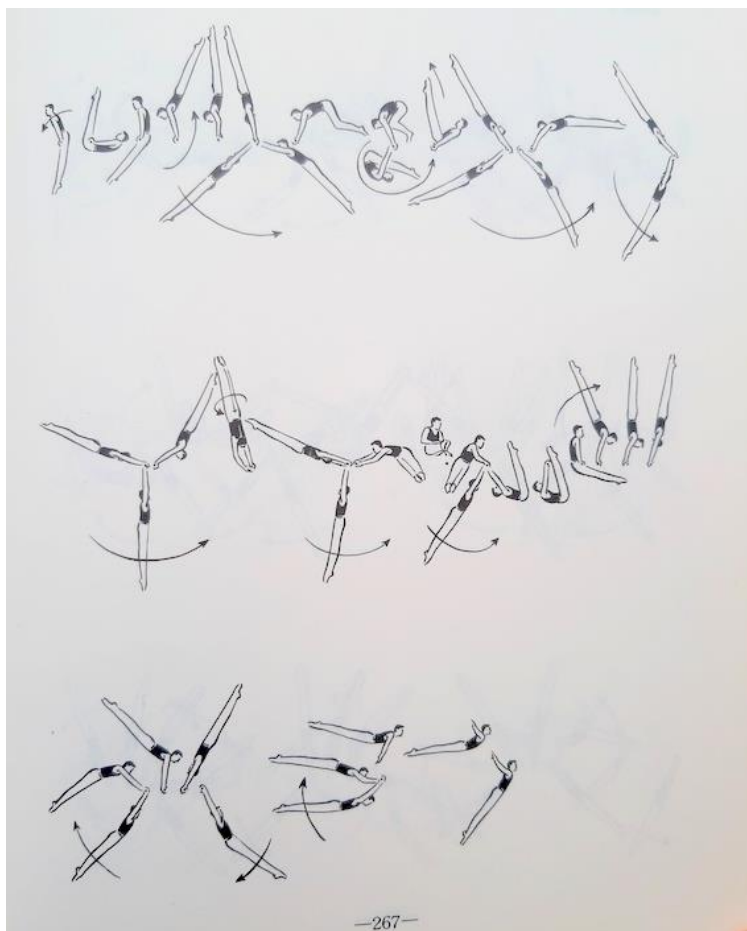
Helsinki OG 1952

Silver: Horizontal bar



Dismount at OG 1936





Drawing of Alfred Schwarzmann's horizontal bar routine at OG 1952, from the book of prof. A. Kaneko - Technic and methodics on high bar, Tokyo 1970

WALTER STEFANS (26.12.1908 Barnstorf, Germany – 23.8.2006 Bergkamen, Germany)

Not much is known about his life, but he competed in WC in 1934 and OG in 1936, where he and his teammates won the team title.

Budapest WC 1934 Bronze: Team, 6th Horizontal bar

Berlin OG 1936 Gold: Team, 5th Vault, 6th Horizontal bar

