

In 1950 the Deutsche Olympiade-Komitee (DOKR) became aware of Winkler. With 'Halla' he prepared for the Three-Day-Event at the 1952 Olympics, for which the nervous mare, however, showed no talent. Besides his nomination for Helsinki failed because of his former activity as an assistant riding instructor, so that he had to wait till 1954 before once again being declared an amateur.

His intention to take part in his seventh Olympic Games in 1980 in Moscow failed due to the boycott, which the NOC for Germany had joined. However, Winkler continued to ride. At the Games of 1988 he was team leader of the West German riders and in 1992 as Federal coach he prepared the show jumpers for Barcelona.

Winkler was a successful businessman. He was the representative of a pharmaceutical firm and from 1993 a US mail-order company. In 1991 he founded an event-firm with the abbreviation of his name: "HGW". He was married four times – the last time to American Debby Malloy, 33 years younger. Unfortunately, she lost her life in a riding accident in 2011. (*JOH*, Vol. 24, No. 2/2016, pp. 54–62) (*VK*)

László Fábíán (HUN), *10 July 1936 in Budapest; †10 August 2018 in Budapest. Fábíán's father was a baker who started training him as a young man. After he started kayaking at the early age of 15, his coach suggested he join János Urányi in the K2. The pair proved to be successful and, at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, they won the K2 10,000 m – the first Hungarian Olympic title in kayaking. He then won four Worlds and six European titles between 1958–66. At the 1958 Flatwater World Championships, he won the K2 10 km (with Urányi), the 1963 K2 10 km (with István Timár-Geng), the 1963 K4 1000 m, and the 1966 K2 10 km, alongside Imre Szöllösi.

Fábíán finished active racing in 1969, and then became a technical manager and trainer at Újpesti Dózsa. He worked in the management of the Hungarian Kayak Canoe Association. In 1997 he became the head coach of MTK. (*RL/WR*)

Viktor Nikolaevich Tyumenev (URS), *1 June 1957 in Moscow; †2 August 2018 Moscow. Tyumenev began his hockey career with Krylya Sovetov Moskva in 1975 and helped win the European champions Cup title. In 1980 he joined Spartak Moskva and played there until 1989. He then played in Finland, playing with TPS Turku, KalPa Kuopio, KooKoo Kouvola and SaPKo Savonlinna, before finishing his playing career with CSKA Moskva from 1997–98 and again Krylya Sovetov Moskva in 1998–99.

Internationally, besides his 1984 Olympic gold, Tyumenev was world champion three times (1982, 1986, 1990) and European champion three times (1982, 1985, 1986). He also won bronze at the 1985 World Championships and silver at the 1990 European Championships. Tyumenev scored 15 goals in 94 national team appearances.

He also played on the winning 1979 Challenge Cup team between the Soviet Union and NHL stars. (*TK*)

Valentina Rastvorova (URS), *17 June 1933 in Odessa; †24 August 2018 in Moscow. Ukrainian-born Russian foil fencer participated in three consecutive Olympic Games from 1956 to 1964. She claimed an individual silver medal in 1960 and team gold the same year. Four years later she got another silver with the team. At World Championships she won six gold and two silver medals.

She was married to water polo player Boris Grishin, whose his team took third in the 1964 Olympics and second in 1968. Their children, including Yevgeni and Yelena, also took part in the Olympic Games. Yevgeni played on the water polo team that

won gold in 1980 and bronze in 1988. Yelena was a member of her fencing team with fourth places in the épée in 1988 and 1992.

Valentina graduated from the Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport, Youth and Tourism. Later she worked as a fencing coach in Moscow. (*WR*)

Yelena Shushunova (URS), *23 May 1969 in Leningrad; †16 August 2018 in St. Petersburg. Shushunova took up gymnastics at the age of six and made the national team in 1984, just in time for the 1984 Olympics. When the Soviets boycotted the 1984 Olympics, Shushunova was denied a chance to win her first Olympic medals. Instead Shushunova competed at the Friendship Games, where she won gold in the team event and bronze in individual all-around.

In 1985 Shushunova established herself as one of the top gymnasts of the era, by winning three golds (individual all-around, vault and team event), floor exercise silver and balance beam bronze at the 1985 World Championships and four golds (individual all-around, vault, uneven bars and floor exercise) and balance beam bronze at the 1985 European Championships. In 1986, she won the individual all-around, vault, uneven bars and floor exercise at the World Cup. At the 1987 World Championships she won the vault and floor exercise titles, individual all-around, balance beam and team event silvers and uneven bars bronze, but was not as successful at the 1987 European Championships, winning only the vault title and individual all-around bronze.

Finally in 1988, at the age of 29, she got the chance to compete at the Olympics, winning the individual all-around and team event titles, silver on balance beam and bronze on uneven bars, retiring after Seoul. Shushunova and Lyudmila Turishcheva are the only two female gymnasts to have won the grand



slam of all-around titles – Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup and European Championships.

From the middle of 1990s, she worked for St. Petersburg Sport's Committee and organised almost all the top gymnastics events of this town, including the gymnastics events at the 1994 Goodwill Games and the 1998 European Championships, both of which were held in St. Petersburg. (TK)



Gyöző Kulcsár (HUN), *18 October 1940 in Budapest; †19 September 2018 in Budapest. During the Second World War Kulcsár lived with his Hungarian parents first in Germany and then in Sweden. In 1946 they returned to Hungary. He started his sporting career at the age of 15. In 1957, he competed for Dózsa Újpest both in foil and épée.

Between 1962 and 1979 he was the member of both Hungarian national teams, achieving outstanding results in épée. For nearly two decades, he played a significant role in the success of the Hungarian épée team, at the time one of the best teams in the world.

He won Olympic team gold three consecutive times, from 1964 to 1972 and also earned an individual gold medal in 1968 (Mexico City) as well as two bronzes (Munich 1972 and Montreal 1976). In the World Championships, Kulcsár won nine medals – including three gold medals.

He graduated from the College of Physical Education and the Technical University. In 1979, after completing his sports career, he became the General Secretary of the Hungarian Fencing Association in 1979. Between 1980 and 1988, he was the head coach.

From 1988 to 2001, Kulcsár worked as a trainer at AC Pro Vercelli in Italy (Maurizio Randazzo became an Olympic champion and Elis Uga won silver). From 2001 he was a coach for "Bp. Honvéd" and, between 2005 and 2012, was the head coach

of the Hungarian épée team. His distinguished students were Tímea Nagy and Emese Szász, Gábor Boczkó and his nephew, Krisztián Kulcsár (two Olympic silver medals in team épée), currently President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee (MOB).

Gyöző Kulcsár was selected Hungarian fencer of the year three times (1968, 1971, 1974). In 2000, he was chosen to be a member of the Association of the All Time Best Hungarian Athletes, the Club of Immortals. (RL)

Vibeke Skofterud (NOR), *20 April 1980 in Askim; †29 July 2018 in Tromøya. The Norwegian cross-country skier won the Olympic gold medal with the 4x5 km relay at the 2010 Winter Games. Individually she claimed her best result as eighth in the 30 km in 2002. In 2005 and 2011 she won relay gold medals at the World Championships as well as a silver in 2003 and a bronze in 2007. Her only international victory was a pursuit race in 2006. In 2012 she won the Vasaloppet as the first Norwegian in the female class.

Due to illness and injuries, she retired after the 2013/14 season and started coaching and providing color commentary on TV. In the early morning of 29 July 2018 she was found dead nearby her jetski. She died from injuries after an accident with her jetski under the influence of alcohol. She was only 38 years old. (WR)

Denis Ten (KAZ), *13 June 1993 in Almaty; †19 July 2018 in Almaty. Ten's first passion was music. At the age of nine, he was a member of the Kazakhstani team that won a silver medal at the 2002 World Choir Games. He experimented with several different sports in his youth, but had settled on figure skating by the age of ten, first competing internationally three years later.

His first World Junior Championship appearance came in 2007, when he

placed 26th, but the following year, he improved to 16th. By 2009 he was taking part in the Senior World Championships and, by virtue of his eighth-place finish, he qualified to represent Kazakhstan at the 2010 Winter Olympics. There, he placed eleventh among 30 competitors in the men's singles event. He was 13th at the year's World Championships. Ten's big international breakthrough came at the 2011 Asian Winter Games, where he won the men's singles tournament, and the following year he came in seventh at the World Championships. At the 2013 edition, however, he was second only to Canada's Patrick Chan, thus becoming Kazakhstan's first medallist at the Worlds.

Expectations were raised for him at the 2014 Winter Olympics and he did not disappoint, capturing bronze in the men's singles behind Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan and Chan, making him the first (and as of 2018, only) Kazakhstani figure-skating medallist. He carried this momentum to the 2015 World Championships, where he again placed third, this time behind Spain's Javier Fernández and Hanyu. After this point, injuries began to plague Ten, although he did take gold in the men's singles at the 2017 Winter Universiade. At the 2018 Winter Olympics, however, he could only manage 27th after the short programme and did not qualify for the free skate.

He was still preparing for competition when he was stabbed to death after confronting two thieves who were trying to steal the mirrors from his car, giving him the unfortunate distinction of being the first 2018 Winter Olympian to die, just five months after the Games. (TK)

Kurt Helmudt (DEN), *7 December 1943 in Copenhagen; †7 September 2018. The 1.98 m tall and 115 kg heavy Danish rower was an Olympic champion with the coxless fours at the 1964 Olympics. He also claimed