

SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES XVII

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.



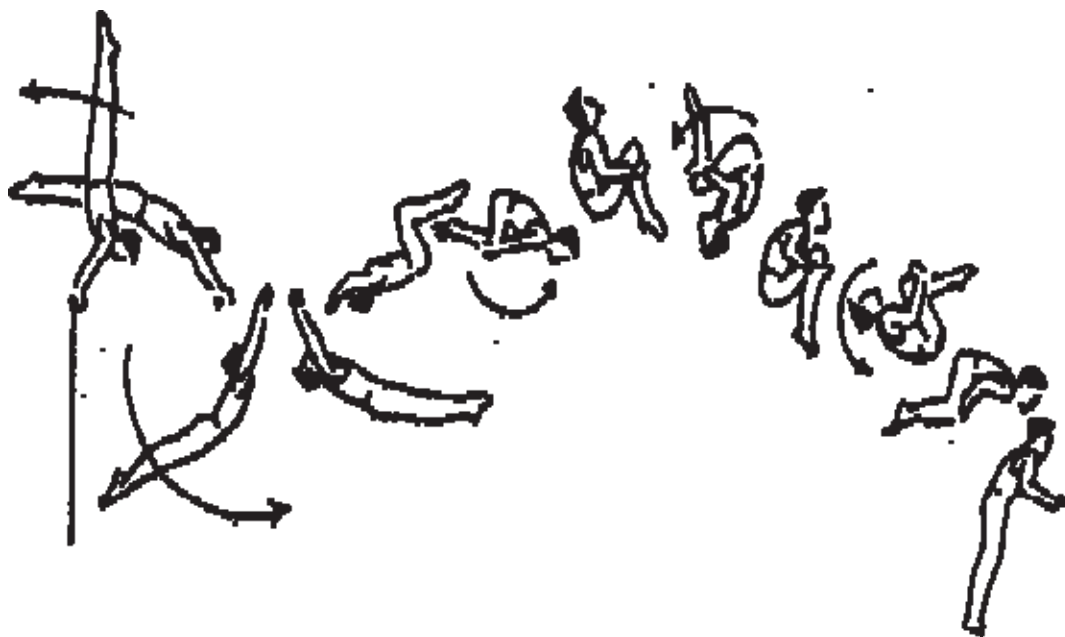
NIKOLAI YEFIMOVICH ANDRIANOV (14 October 1952, Vladimir, Russia – 21 March 2011, Vladimir, Russia)

Nikolay Andrianov started with gymnastics at age of 11. At World Championship in Ljubljana (Slovenia) 1970, he was member of Soviet Union team as reserve. But gymnastics fans knew when they saw him, he would be next gymnastics star. At European Championship in Madrid (Spain) in 1971 he won two gold medals on Vault and Pommel Horse. Until the end of his career at OG in Moscow (Russia) in 1980 he was decorated at major international competitions as OG, WC and EC with 45 medals. He is still the most decorated gymnast at OG with 7 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals, all together 15. He marked a decade from 1970 until 1980 not only by his results, but also with new elements some named after him. He did double piked salto backward on floor, double salto backward with 1/1 turn on rings, double salto backward stretched on rings, salto forward with ½ turn and salto backward on high bar, triple salto backward tucked on high bar. From the above list it can be said he was perfect acrobat.

Soon after he finished career as gymnast he started with his coaching career. He was head coach of Soviet junior men's team 1981 – 1992, last two years also senior team. During his coaching work all the best Soviet juniors Scherbo, Misutin, Ivankov, Nemov were later also the best gymnasts competing for e.g. Belarus, Ukraina, Russia. All those gymnasts were also excellent acrobats.

Friendship with Mitsuo Tsukahara (Japan) lead Nikolay Andrianov to be a coach of Japan team and personal coach of Mitsuo's soon Naoya, who was decorated with medals at OG and WC.

In 2001 he returned to home town, where he was diagnosed with neurological disorder multiple system atrophy and died in pain as he could not move his arms, legs or talk.

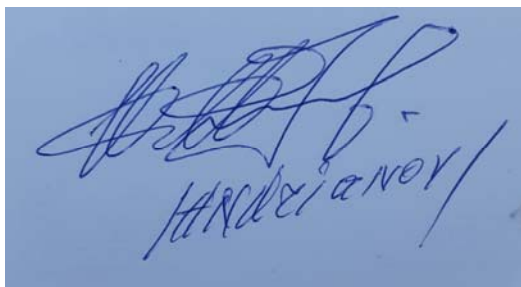


Triple salto backward tucked – Andrianov (FIG, Code of Points, MTC, 2016)



From left: Nikolay Andrianov, Naoja Tsukahara, Anton Gajdoš

His wife Ljubov Burda Andrianovna



Nikolay Andrianov's signature