

## SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES IX

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](http://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.



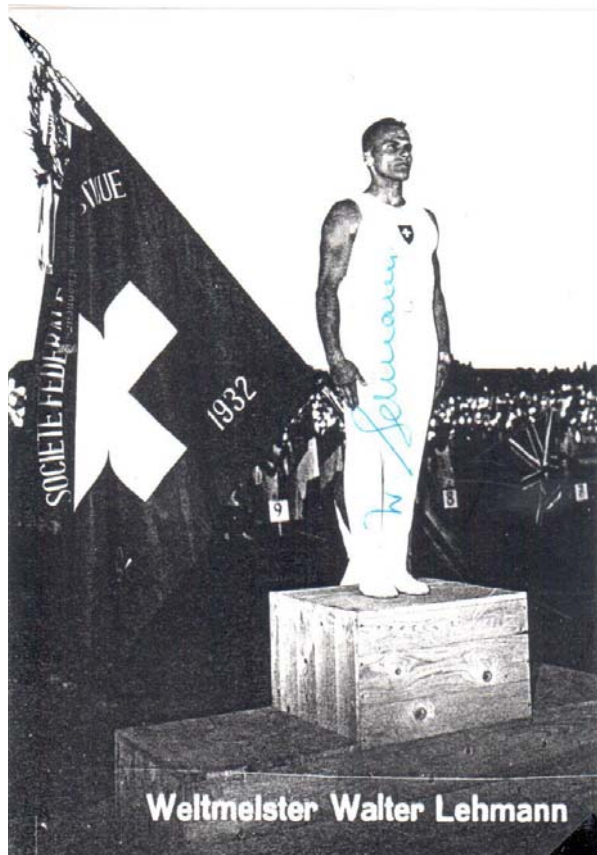
### GERMAN OG TEAM 1896



Standing from left: Gustav Felix Flatow, Fritz Hofmann, Gustav Schuft, sitting on fence: Richard Rostel, Conrad Bocker, Hermann Weingärten, Alfred Flatow, Richard Gadebusch, sitting on floor: Fritz Mantenffel, Carl Schuhmann.

Team Olympic Champions on parallel bars and horizontal bar and individual Olympic Champions: Wingärtner Hermann on horizontal bar, Alfred Flatow on parallel bars, Carl Schuhmann on vault.

### WALTHER LEHMAN (13.11.1919, Richterswil Swiss)



Momentarily the oldest living gymnast with Olympic medal and title of World Champion in all around.

His the first important international competition were Olympic Games in London in 1948. In London he took 3 silvers, for all around, horizontal bar and as a team member.

Walter was even more successful at World Championship in Basel in 1950, where he earned 3 gold medals (all around, rings and team) and 3 bronze medals (pommel horse, vault and horizontal bar).

After finishing his career as a gymnast, he continued to work in gymnastics. He was excellent international judge, for what in 1972 earned title of the World's Best Judge. In 1984 he retired from all gymnastics duties.

**YUKIO ENDO (18.1.1937, Akita, Japan – 25.3.2009, Tokyo)**

Yukio Endo competed in time, when Japanese gymnastics dominated world and he won 3 consecutive team titles at Olympic Games 1960, 1964 and 1968. At OG in Tokyo he also won all around title and parallel bars title, silver medal on floor, his collection of Olympic medals supplemented silver on vault at OG 1968 in New Mexico. Photo is from 1964 OG, where he dominated the gymnastics world.

Yukio attended two World Championships (1962, Prague and 1966, Dortmund). With his team, he won two titles. As individual he won on floor and placed second in all around, rings, horizontal bar and third on parallel bars in 1962. In 1966 he took two silver medals for floor exercise and horizontal bar.



His name is daily in gymnastics halls and at all competitions as he gave name to element on high bar which can be described as free circle forward with straddled or legs together through handstand. Draw of his element is from FIG Code of Points (2017).

After retirement from being gymnast, he was coach (national coach at OG 1972, where Japan won), professor at Nihon University, director of Japanese Olympic Committee and vice president of Japanese Gymnastics Federation (two mandates).

