



CHAPTER ONE

STORIES OF NINE DECADES WHAT HAPPENED 90 YEARS AGO



Z hmly sa vynoril nečakaný víťaz

It was 1927 and today oldest marathon in Europe was heading to its 4th edition. Invitations with detailed program have already being prepared in 5 languages. German Paul Hempel, representant of still existing berlin's club SC Charlottenburg and Pál Király, Hungarian winner from 1925 were the top favourites to win the race.

The day of race was ruled by bad weather. From the thick fog covering the course as the first ran out unexpected winner Jozsef Galambos. As it turned out, his victory was not accidental. Jozsef repeated his victory also in 1928, 1932 and 1933 and until today is the most successful male runner in Košice Marathon history.

But not only athletes attracted attention in 1927. Organisers introduced a new innovation that allowed referees to inform about the race and splits via telephone stations, mounted along the course by the local military crew.

RESULTS

Kosice Marathon, October 28, 1927

Muži

1.	József Galambos	HUN	2:45:25,2
2.	Alois Krof	TCH	2:56:07,0
3.	Paul Hempel	GER	2:58:57,1