



CHAPTER ONE

STORIES OF NINE DECADES WHAT HAPPENED 90 YEARS AGO



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The year was 1928, which was an Olympic year, and so it was no surprise that Vojtech Bukovský, founder of Košice Marathon, was nominated to go to Amsterdam as a referee. Four years earlier, inspired as an eyewitness of the Olympic Games in Paris, he had returned to Košice with the desire to establish a marathon tradition in this city.

Now his mission in Amsterdam, aside from the function of referee itself, was to invite the broadest competition possible to Košice. He received promises, but functionaries of the Czechoslovak Athletics Union later neglected to send written invitations, which in that era was an essential condition, and so Bukovský had to again deal with filling up the starting field almost all by himself.

In sunny weather on 28 October 1928 racers from four countries set off on the course, and no one was very surprised when the previous year's winner József Galambos from Hungary set a rapid pace, suggesting a finish time under 2:40. He was even still close to this pace as he

neared the turnaround point on the course, but the second half of the race was notably slower. Galambos beat back a challenge from his competitors in the 35th km, and in the end won in a time of 2:55:45, which was 123rd fastest time on the world table of year 1928.

RESULTS

Slovak International Marathon in Slovakia, October 28, 1928

Men

1.	József Galambos	HUN	2:55:45,0
2.	Karel Šťastný	TCH	2:58:50,0
3.	František Zyka	TCH	3:02:57,0