



## CHAPTER SIX

### STORIES OF NINE DECADES WHAT HAPPENED 40 YEARS AGO



*Year 1978 was one of the last years when it was necessary to satisfy a relatively strict qualification limit to participate in Košice, and a marathon start for women was still seemingly nowhere in sight.*

*This is reflected in the results sheet with 85 entries and the last finisher time of 2:55:16. The winner, however, arrived much earlier. Korean **Go Chun-son** came to defend his title from 1977 and he perfectly succeeded in his intention.*

*In the rain-soaked race he significantly rewrote the course record held by American Leonard Edelen with a new fastest time of **2:13:34**. The North Koreans fared especially well in Košice in these years. Indeed, in addition to the already mentioned victories of Go Chun-son, in 1975 they occupied all the places on the winners' podium.*

*The mentioned new course record was in terms of statistics for 1978 the ninth fastest winning marathon time in the world. Go Chun-son scored another big success two years later, when he won a marathon in Essonne, France, with a personal best of **2:10:52**.*

**RESULTS*****Kosice Peace Marathon, October 1, 1978******Men***

1.	Chun-Son Go	PRK	2:13:34,44
2.	Chang-Sob Choi	PRK	2:14:23,37
3.	Jouni Kortelainen	FIN	2:16:50,16