



## CHAPTER SEVEN

### STORIES OF NINE DECADES WHAT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO



*The year 1988 entered into the history of the marathon not so much for the sporting results and stories but more for the fact that it said goodbye to the Košice – Seňa – Košice course, which had been inseparably linked with this race since 1926. The following year was the premiere of the first form of the city circuit, which has been gradually modified into the form we know today.*

*In addition, this was also the year of German dominance. Among the women **Christa Vahlensieck**, the former world-record holder and one of the best runners in the world during this era, won for a record fifth time. In addition, **Michael Heilmann**, who 3 years before starting in Košice had set a brilliant personal record of 2:09:03 at the World Cup races in Hiroshima, won the men's category.*

*Also worth noting is the high sporting level in the field of runners as a whole, when some 200 runners from the 1000 who started reached the finish line in under three hours, and the others had to come in under the time limit of four hours.*

## **RESULTS**

### ***Kosice Peace Marathon, October 2, 1988***

#### ***Men***

1.	Michael Heilmann	DDR	2:17:52
2.	Vladimir Kotov	USR	2:21:05
3.	Vlastimil Bukovjan	TCH	2:22:24

#### ***Women***

1.	Christa Vahlensieck	GER	2:39:03
2.	Mung Myong-De	PRK	2:45:41
3.	Karla Kolenovská	TCH	2:47:46