



CHAPTER ONE

STORIES OF NINE DECADES WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MARATHON IN KOŠICE 90 YEARS AGO



With its 7th anniversary marathon said goodbye to KAC stadium, located nearby Gajda Spa Resort in Košice, today also known as Park Anička.

*Even back then organizers had a “hunt” for the finest runners of its time and so the Czech runner **Oskar Hekš**, second at September marathon in Vienna ended in their scope. The requirements of his club Hagibor were on its time high, they included second class ticket, meals and other related expenses. Organizers agreed but in the end all they got was disappointment, when his start, as a soldier, was banned by the Ministry of National Defense. The role of a favorite then landed on the double winner **József Galambos**, alongside, in Košice debuting Latvian champion **Artur Motmiller**, who we have seen in Košice frequently until the year 1937. Latvian was first on the mark of 10. km with split of 37:03, then Galambos took matters into his own hands and referees wrote him down as the leading competitor twelve kilometers before finish. In the end Galambos couldn't finish the race due to reasons that are still unknown. Road to victory then opened to his countryman **István Zelenka**, bronze medallist from the last edition of Košice Marathon, who finished at time **2:50:58**.*

*Chroniclers recorded even terrible weather, muddy roads with puddles of water and yet **up to 15 000 viewers along the town track**, which at that time inhabited more than 70 000 people.*

RESULTS**Slovenský medzinárodný maratón, October 28, 1930****Men**

1.	István Zelenka	HUN	2:50:58
2.	Józsej Gyetvai	HUN	2:55:32
3.	Josef Bena	TCH	2:57:05