

EQUESTRIAN COMPETITIONS

The picturesque suburbs of the city Malchik. The team's competitions in riding were held this year here. The best sportsmen from 11 republics led the struggle for gold medals. Field competitions - this is first of all the test of the endurance of the rider and the horse. 8-km distance with 27 obstacles is to be overcome in strict time, otherwise penalty score for the delayed final. This is a hard examination for everybody. Arsen Karasukov, 19-year old sportsman from Malchik, successfully overcame the distance and showed the best time. Arsen achieved the norm of the Masters of Sports of International class. The competitions for the powerful jump were held in the concluding day of the championships. Various obstacles, two meters high, were on the way of the sportsmen. Yaroslav Belinsky, the sportsman from Rostov on the Don demonstrated the high skill of overcoming obstacles. Belinsky became the winner of the competitions on powerful jump. The riders of the Russian Federation won the team's victory.

WORLD RECORDHOLDER

The European athletics championships of juniors was held in Doneck at the Ukraine. 900 young sportsmen took part in it. High jumping were in the centre of the championships. Vladimir Yascenko, the student from Zaporozhya, drawn all the attention to himself. Now Vladimir Yascenko, the main hero of the match of the Soviet and American juniors in Richmond, became known to everybody now. This is the American newsreel. Yascenko jumps two meters 33 centimeters. It means the record of the world of the American sportsman Stowns is now old. Wonderful success! 18-year old Vladimir Yascenko won the world record for our country, for which Soviet sportsmen began their struggle twenty years ago. Jury Stepanov took the height two meters 16 centimeters and became the first Soviet world recordholder in high jumping. At the Rome Olympiad the Soviet sportsman Robert Shavlakadze won the gold. John Thomas - was the second, and the third place went to Valerii Brumel. In the following years Thomas and Brumel competed. 1961 Brumel won the world title. During two years Brumel reached two meters 28 centimeters. And now 14 years after that Vladimir Yascenko received the victorious baton, one of the youngest world record holders in the history of high jumping. At the Doneck stadium his main rival was Andre Schnaider from FRG. Schnaider successfully takes two meters 20 centimeters. Yascenko takes the same height. Two meters 30 centimeters were difficult for Schnaider, he left. Two meters, 30 centimeters! Now the European champion Yascenko asked for it. The first attempt is successful. He continues the struggle alone, this time with his own record. He won. But the struggle for the new record height will continue. The coach Vasili Telegin confirmed it.

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