

## SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES XXII

Anton Gajdoš, Bratislava, Slovakia

Ph.D. Anton Gajdoš born on 1.6.1940 in Dubriniči (today Ukraine) lives most of his life in Bratislava (ex TCH, nowadays SVK). He comes from gymnastics family (his brother Pavel have world championship medals) and he devoted his life to gymnastics. His last achievement is establishment of Narodna encyklopedia športu Slovenska ([www.sportency.sk](http://www.sportency.sk)). Among his passion is collecting photos and signatures of gymnasts. As we tend to forget old champions and important gymnasts, judges and coaches, we decided to publish part of his archive under title Short historical notes. All information on these pages is from Anton's archives and collected through years. Short historical Notes XXII were written in collaboration with Michal Bábela, PhD.



### SAMUEL PIASECKÝ (October, 31, 1984 Košice, Slovak Republic)



Samuel Piasecký began practising gymnastics at the age of 6. He became the Slovak representative in sports gymnastics on the horizontal bar and parallel bars. At the 2012 Olympic Games in London, he became the first male gymnast to represent Slovakia at the Olympic Games since the independence of Slovakia in 1993.

The best sports results of Samuel Piasecký:

Olympic Games, London, 2012 (Great Britain) – 11th place on parallel bars, points: 15,366

World Championship, Rotterdam, 2016 (Netherlands) – 8th place on parallel bars, points: 15,166

European Championship, Volos, 2006 (Greece) – 8th place on parallel bars, points: 14,3

European Championship, Milan, 2009 (Italy) – 5th place on parallel bars, 13th place in all-around

European Championship, Berlin, 2011 (Germany) – 12th place in all-around

European Championship, Montpellier, 2012 (France) – 5th place on parallel bars, 7th place on horizontal bar.

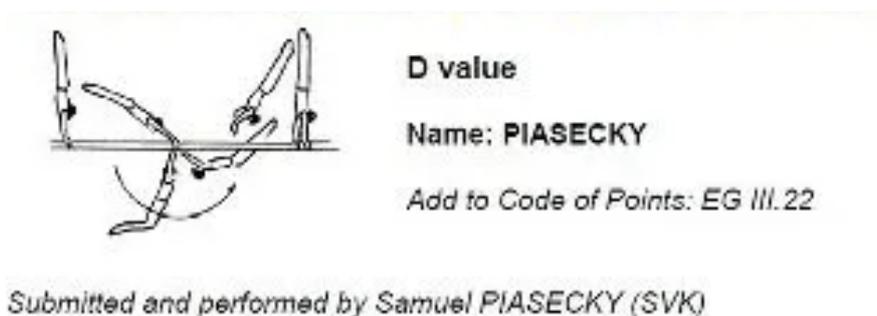
He also became a multiple medalist at several World Challenge Cups (World Cup Artistic Gymnastics in Porto, 2010 – 3rd place on horizontal bar, Challenge Cup Artistic Gymnastics in Ljubljana, 2013 – 2nd place on parallel bars, Challenge Cup Artistic Gymnastics in Anadia, 2013 – 3rd place on parallel bars).



*Samuel Piasecký on parallel bars, Olympic Games, London, 2012*

He introduced his own gymnastic element at the World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands in 2010. His element is called *The giant swing to handstand on one rail* (minimum one second) on parallel bars is also known as the '*Piasecky*' in the field of sports gymnastics. The difficulty value is D.

*Pictorial representation of gymnastic element 'Piasecky' in FIG official documents.*



We wish '*Samo*' all the best and a lot of strength and enthusiasm in working with gymnastic youth.