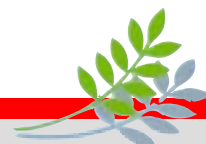


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## OBITUARIES



The oldest Czech Olympic champion, **Alois Hudec**, died on 23 January at the age of 86. Born in Racice u Vyskova in Moravia in 1908, he began practising gymnastics with the Sokol club as a young boy. A four-time world champion in 1931 (all-round individual competition, horizontal bar, rings, parallel bars), he was again triumphant on the rings in 1934 and in

1938, when he also won the title in the team competition. Hudec took part in the Games of the XI Olympiad in Berlin in 1936, where he won the gold medal on the rings and came fourth in the individual all-round competition, the team competition and the parallel bars. Elected "Emeritus Master of Sports" in 1954 and winner of the Czech Olympic Committee's Fair Play Prize, this exceptional gymnast received the IOC's Centennial Olympic Games Trophy in 1996.

Lebanese sports official **Abdul Raouf Rustam Ali Kaissi** has died after a long illness. Born in Beirut in 1925, he practised a number of sports including running, cycling, volleyball and wrestling, a

sport in which he won the national title (82.5 kg category) from 1946 to 1949. He served as an international judge at tournaments on the occasion of, among others, the Olympic, Mediterranean, Asian and Arab Games. He held the offices of vice president of the Asian and Arab wrestling federations, and was secretary general of the National Olympic Committee of Lebanon from 1977 to 1996. He was also the author of a book about sport in Lebanon.

The American skating coach **Carlo Fassi** died suddenly in Lausanne at the age of 67 during the World Figure Skating Championships. Born in Milan in 1929, he won two European skating titles in

1953 and 1954 and the bronze medal at the World Championships in 1953. He was chairman of the coaching commission of the International Skating Union and trained some of the greatest Olympic champions, including Peggy Fleming, Dorothy Hamill, John Curry and Robin Cousins.

The Swiss writer **Ella Maillart**, "one of the most amazing women travellers this century", died in Chandolin (SUI) in late March. Born in Geneva in 1903, she enjoyed a brilliant career as a sportswoman and film director. She took part in the individual yachting event at the Games of the VIII Olympiad in Paris, in 1924.