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Examples of Slovenian athletes who succeeded in following of dual career

In this document are presented five Slovenian elite athletes who succeeded in following a dual career.



1. Franci PETEK, 1971, Ski jumper

His first international success in ski jumping reached in 1989, when the team Match Youth World Championship in Norwegian Vangu (Hamarju) together with Goran Janusom, Marjan Kroparjem and Primoz diggers won the silver medal in the team competition. A year later, in Slovakian Štrbskem Plesu together with Damjan Fras, Sašo Komovec and Tomaz Knafelj won the bronze medal. In February 1990 in Engelberg, Switzerland, won the gold medal in World Championship where he shared first place with Arijem-Pekko Nikkolo (Finland). His greatest success reached on 10 February 1991 on the World Championships in Italy Predazzo (Val di Fiemme) when he became the world champion on the large hill. The 1991/92 season was one of the few jumpers who did not switch to the new scissor style, although it is the Olympic Games in 1992 in Albertville, where he was the first flagship in the history of independent Slovenia, to win excellent 8th place in the large jump and sixth in the team competition. After the fall in 1995 he decided to finish jumping career and devoted himself to the study of geography. In 1998 he finished the undergraduate studies and in 2001 he received his master degree. In 2001he finished PhD at the University of Ljubljana and from 1998 onwards he is a researcher at the Geographical Institute Anton Melika. In 1991 he received

the Bloudek Award – the highest award of the Republic of Slovenia for achievements in the area of sport. In 2004 he received award from the Association of the Geographical Societies of Slovenia. In March 2017 was elected as Director of the Ski Association of Slovenia. With Petra Majdič he is the co-ambassador of Planica. He also graduated from montessori pedagogy at Seton Montessori Institute Chichago (USA) and he is a director of montessori kindergarden "Gorenjska and Vrhniška hiša otrok".



2. Sara ISAKOVIČ, 1988, Swimmer

In 2001 she began to train in Radovljica club Žito Gorenjka; the first big success experienced at the youth European championship in 2003, when she won fourth place in the 100 meters freestyle swimming. In 2004 she won the Junior Championship at the 100 and 200 meters freestyle and also set the world record in 200 meters freestyle for the youth championships which get her a place in the Slovenian national team at the Olympics in Athens. In the Mediterranean Games she won two silver medals. In 2005 at the World Championships in Montreal (Canada) became the first Slovenian swimmer who reached the finals of the world championships at the end she won the fifth place. In 2008 at the European Championship in Edinhoven she won the gold medal. At the Summer Olympics in Beijing, she won an Olympic medal in the 200 meters freestyle. After the 2008 Beijing Olympics, she moved to Berkeley, California, where she attended University of California Berkeley and represented the Cal Women's swim team. In her four years of being a student-athlete, she won three National Team Titles and individually won the 100 butterfly at NCAA's during her senior year at university. She graduated with a degree in Psychology, in May 2013. Afterwards she

moved to Dubai, where she is building her career in performance psychology and helping performers of all types achieve their maximum potential.



3. Rajmond DEBEVEC, 1963, Shooter

Rajmond started practicing shooting sports at the age of 8 in 1975 she became member of Shooting club Olimpija, Ljubljana. After getting some great results quickly, he became a member of the national team and won his first medals at the air rifle European Championships at the age of 17. At the age of 21, Rajmond qualified for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. After that point he became a professional shooter and dedicated most of his time and energy to shooting sport. During his career he has won 3 Olympic medals (1 Gold, 2 Bronze), since 1984 participated in 8 consecutive Olympic Games, won 67 individual medals at World Cups (26 of them Gold), won 5 crystal globes at World Cup Finals, won 5 medals at World Championships and 25 medals at European Championships (in 6 different events - air rifle, small bore rifle 3-positions and prone, full bore rifle 3-positions and prone and full bore standard rifle), he has also set numerous world records for example world record for 50m rifle three position with 1186 points, which he set in Munich at the World Cup Final in 1992. He also holds the Olympic record (1177 points) for the same event, which he set during his gold medal-winning performance at the 2000 Summer Olympics. He has won two world military championships in 300m three positions in 2006 and 300m rapid fire rifle in 2005 and 2008.^[4] He has also competed in World Cup events for crossbow, air rifle, small-bore rifle, and big bore rifle. In 1985 he graduated from economics at the University of Ljubljana. Since

1991, he is employed at the Ministry for defence of the Republic of Slovenia as an instructor for sport shooting. He also owns the store for shooting sports.



4. ŠPELA PRETNAR, 1973, Alpine skier

During her career in the World Cup she stepped on the podium for the winners thirteen times – among this achievement she was six time gold winner. In the 1999/2000 season she won the small crystal globe in the special slalom standings.

After finishing her ski career, she was employed as a sports journalist on a well-known commercial television station POP TV, where she worked until February 2009. From September 2016 is employed in the department for public relations under umbrella Slovenian Ski Federation Ski Association. She is also working in the field of umbrella projects and promotional activities.



5. Brigita BUKOVEC, 1970, Hurdler

Brigita is still a national record holder in the 100 m hurdling (12.59), 60 m hurdling (7.78) and 50 m hurdling (6.70). In the years 1996 and 1997 has been declared the best athlete of the year and in 1995 received the Bloudek Award - the highest award of the Republic of Slovenia for achievements in the area of sport. In 1996 she received a title the Slovenian Women of the year. Her biggest achievements are: silver medal in Olympic game in 1996 Atlanta (USA), silver medal in European championship 1996 Stockholm (Sweden), and 1998 Budapest (Hungary); bronze medal European youth championship 1989 Varaždin (Croatia), bronze medal World indoor championship 1995 Barcelona (Spain). After finishing her sport carrier Brigita started with the today very successful private athlete school “Športno društvo Brigita Bukovec”.