

Gabriela Koukalová,

She **is** the daughter of Gabriela Svobodová, a former cross-country skier, who won an Olympic silver medal in the 4 x 5 km relay at Sarajevo in 1984.

She won two Olympic silver medals at the 2014 Sochi Games and she is a two-time World Championship winner, gold medalist at the 2015 Kontiolahti in mixed relay and gold medalist at 2017 Hochfilzen in 7.5 km sprint. In the 2015/2016 World Cup season she **was** overall champion, and she **has taken (supposing she might take more) or took (referring to given dates in the past)** (six discipline Crystal Globes: the 2013/2014 individual title, the 2015/2016 sprint, pursuit and mass-start titles, and the 2016/17 sprint and mass start titles.

Ester Ledecká

Ledecká **made** her Olympic debut at the 2014 Winter Olympics on 19 February 2014 in the parallel giant slalom snowboarding event. She **reached** the quarter final stage before being eliminated by Patrizia Kummer, who went on to win the gold medal in the event. Ledecká was classified as seventh overall.

Ledecká **has combined** her snowboarding career with competing in alpine skiing, and made her Olympic debut in alpine skiing at the 2018 Winter Olympics, while also being qualified for alpine snowboarding. She won the gold medal in super-G in alpine skiing at the 2018 Winter Olympics in a historic upset. She was visibly shocked after finishing 0.01 seconds ahead of the 2014 Olympics defending gold medalist Anna Veith, who **had already been** proclaimed the winner by many media outlets. After victory in the parallel giant slalom she **became** the first ever female athlete to win an Olympic gold medal in two different disciplines during the same Winter Olympics^[19] (Anfisa Reztsova **had** previously **won** gold in different disciplines but not at the same Olympics: cross country skiing in 1988 and biathlon in 1992 and 1994.

Jiří Raška

He was born in Frenštát pod Radhoštěm in 1941. His father **died** of leukaemia when Jiří Raška was nine years old, leaving his mother to raise four children on her own. His interest in winter sports was not surprising. His cousin and uncle, both active jumpers, took him as their disciple. "*We **were saying that children in Frenštát are born with skis on their feet,***"¹ Raška said in the interview for Czech newspaper Lidové noviny. Raška was however also active in other sports, like football, cycling and handball.

He **travelled** to the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble as one of the favourites. Raška himself **was hoping** to take the fifth place and would not have been disappointed with the tenth place. Czech writer Ota Pavel **described** his first jump in the normal hill event: "*It was a beautiful flight in the infinite silence, that took short human age. Painter and editor Ota Mašek nearly **fainted**, photographer Jarda Skála **stopped** photographing. Coach Remsa **was washing** his face with snow and squeaking Norwegian Wirkola **stopped** squeaking.*"