

Roman Šebrle

Roman Šebrle is one of the most popular and successful decathletes of The Czech republic. In 2001 he won his first gold medal on IAAF World Indoor Championship in Athletics and his career had been „zooming“ ever since. One year later, he won European Athletics Indoor Championship and his first gold medal from The World Championships in Athletics. He can also be proud of his two gold medals from The European Championships in Athletics (2002, Munich and 2006, Goteborg), few silver and bronze medals from IAAF, but mainly, his biggest success ever- the gold medal from Olympics.



Picture 1 1Roman winning the Olympic gold

In that time, Šebrle became the first decathlete ever to achieve over 9000 points, setting the world record at 9,026 points. He succeeded his compatriot Tomáš Dvořák, who had scored 8,994 points two years earlier. I remember (I was six years old), that Šebrle was said to be the best sportsman in that time. And his name was all over the covers



Picture 1 2 Roman celebrating his win

of the most popular magazines and newspaper in The Czech republic.

To his roots...

He was born on 26th November in

1974 in Lanškroun. Lanškroun is quite a big town in the east of The Czech republic, bordering with Moravia (one of our three parts).

When he was a little kid, he played the football in his hometown. He started doing the athletics in his 19, which was kind of „late“ for starting with something like that. But he was a natural talent as he had proved before.

His parents are big fans of sport as well. That’s actually where his interest in sport began.

His father was competing in skiing and high jump and both of his grandmothers were dancing. His younger sister was doing athletics as well, but then she decided to exchange the athletics for tennis and karate.

Other sport success...

Roman Šebrle is the only one, who has ever exceeded 8000 points six times. After The World Championships in Osaka, he had had already seven medals on his account. He also made thirty-five championships with the sum of 8500 points, which is also kind of rare.



Picture 1 3 Roman with his coach

The end of the career...

In 2008, during the run to sixty metres, he had to give up the IAAF in Valencia due to his muscle injury. Unfortunately, Šebrle had never waken his success up again. His sports career was slowly dying.

He was able to win one bronze medal on The European Championship in 2009, but his final sum of points was „only“ 6142 points. In the „indoor season“ in 2010 was his biggest success the fifth place on IAAF in Dauhá with 6117 points.

Since this experience his career started rising again. He was qualified for The Olympic games in London. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to fight for the medal again for his old enemy- the muscle injury, so he gave up after the first discipline. It was also his last act in his sports career and in June of 2013 he definitely ended his professional sports career.

His private life...

He's living with his wife Eva and two kids Štěpán and Kateřina in Prague. His wife is a former skier and his kids are following Roman's steps in sport. Štěpán is playing football and Kateřina is dancing. He was heard that he would be really happy, if his kids did sport professionally, too. „It teaches kids to be disciplined and it makes them listening to their own bodies. „ as he said to one magazine.

Today, we can see him as a news presenter on PrimaFamily(czech channel) with Gabriela Kratochvílová



Picture 1 4 Roman with his family

(czech model) by his side.



Picture 1 5 Roman and Gabriela Kratochvílová



Picture 1 6 Šebrle throwing a stick