

Ice: Speed skater Sablikova Sportswoman of the Year

The speed skater Martina Sablikova, double world champion in 2009 (all distances and 5,000 meters), was voted Best of Czech sport this year by a panel of 228 journalists, December 22 evening to Prague. "The year 2009 was wonderful," summed Sablikova, 22, told reporters. Already winner in 2007, Sablikova beat on the podium javelin thrower Barbora Spotakova (Czech sport in 2008) and **the jockey Josef Vana, who won at 57 years of steeplechase in Pardubice, the hardest part of Central Europe**. The tennis team of Czech Republic (Radek Stepanek, Tomas Berdych, Jan Hajek, Lukas Dlouhy), defeated in early December by Spain in the final of the Davis Cup in 2009, was in turn elected team of the year.