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"The more upbeat dances are closer to me"

Bence Iván, Paralympian, student of coaching at teh Faculty of Sciences of the UP. But it wouldn't be about him if he couldn't add to that with more excitement: he is dancing in the third season of TV2's Dancing with the Stars, with Alexandra Stana as his partner. We asked Bence about the show and dancing.

"When I was approached by TV2, they didn't tell me what the invitation was about. It was only when we had a personal meeting with the producers that they told us that they were looking for a celebrity to be on Dancing with the Stars. I immediately and gladly said yes, because I had watched the previous seasons and loved them.

I'm determined, I like a challenge, I felt it was for me. I say all this without ever dancing before, not even knowing the basic steps. I've only danced at parties, but that doesn't compare to the dancing in the show.

When people asked me who I would like to dance with, I always put Alexandra Stana first because she seemed to be the most lovely of the dancers from the first two seasons. It's like we are family now! She has extremely creative ideas and that's one of the reasons why I think we are doing so well in the competition.

Dancing works different muscle groups to swimming, obviously you need to be fit for both - I've got a lot of muscle soreness myself. (laughs) We rehearse for at least four or five hours a day, but now we're going to have to do a part of the show where we have to dance twice every show, which will definitely increase the amount of practice time if we make it through.