

## Alexey Kalyuzhny chosen as captain

**Yaroslavl hockey club Lokomotiv has chosen its team captain for the new Continental Hockey League 2012/2013 season: well-known Belarusian forward Alexey Kalyuzhny**

He will be assisted by Russian defender Vitaly Vishnevsky and forward Victor Kozlov. Kalyuzhny, 35, recently played for Omsk Avangard, and will now help revive the Yaroslavl club. At the beginning of last season, on September 7th, 2011, a plane carrying Locomotive players crashed on its way to Minsk, for a match with Dinamo, killing every member of the team, and its coaches. Belarusian Ruslan Salei and Sergey Ostapchuk, as well as coach Nikolay Krivonosov, were among those who died.

Last season, Yaroslavl Locomotive played in the Russian Premier League Championship.

## Men claim table tennis victory, while women lose

**Belarusian men's table tennis team perform successfully in opening game of qualifying round of European Championship elite division**

Alexander Petkevich's team beat Greece 3:1 in Minsk, with the leader of the Belarusian team, Vladimir Samsonov, winning his two matches. Yevgeny Shchetinin also won while Pavel Platonov lost.

In the other matches of preliminary Group B, held in St. Petersburg, the Russian team beat Hungary 3:2, while Croatia saw the same result against Austria at home. In the next round, on September 18th, Belarus will face Croatia at home while the Russians will visit the Greeks and Hungary will play the Austrians at home.

Sadly, the women's team of sisters Victoria and Veronika Pavlovich, alongside Alexandra Privalova, lost in Hungary 0:3. In the next round, on September 18th, Tatiana Petkevich's squad will meet Poland in Minsk.



In the European Championship, five squads from each elite division go through to the finals, alongside the two winners of the second division; these are scheduled for October 2013 in Schwechat, Austria.

# Success of 18 year old athlete

**Belarusian athletes claim ten medals at Paralympic Games in London, with six earned by swimmer Igor Boky — our five-time Paralympic champion**



Paralympic champion Igor Boky swims for another gold medal

By Valentin Orlov

The current Games have proven terrific for the 18 year old from Bobruisk, who has made his debut in the S13 category for athletes with limited sight. He finished five of seven dis-

tances with a gold medal, winning six medals in total and breaking seven world records!

On August 31st, Boky won the 100m butterfly. By the middle of the race, the four-time European champion was placed second but

managed to seize the lead, outstripping Russian Roman Dubovoy. On September 1st, Boky became a silver medallist in the 50m freestyle while Charles Bouwer from the South African Republic took gold.

Boky rallied on September 2nd,

winning the 100m freestyle, leaving Bouwer with silver, and setting another world record. On September 3rd, another world record brought a gold in the 100m backstroke while, on September 4th, he claimed victory in the 400m freestyle — ahead of Ukrainian Danylo Chufarov by more than seven seconds. Boky finished the Paralympics with victory in the 200m medley.

"I enter each race with the intention of winning," asserts the five-time world champion, simultaneously issuing a challenge to Michael Phelps. "Of course, our medals are different but I admit that it was extremely difficult for me to win; I strained every sinew. I'll be tackling this issue seriously, trying to give Phelps a 'remote' thorn in his side. I'd also like to beat my friend Pavel Sankovich."

In 2016, Boky hopes to join the national Olympic team. The Belarusian team also won three bronze medals at the Paralympic Games: Alexander Subota for a long jump of 14m — a personal record; Lyudmila Volchek for her rowing singles; and Anna Kanyuk for the long jump — a personal record.

## Georgians crush our hopes

By Dmitry Baranovsky

**Belarus' national football team defeated by Georgians in 2014 World Cup qualifying match**

In Tbilisi, Georgy Kondratiev's trainees played well yet failed to keep their concentration. The game began sedately, as expected, but the hosts then began to play more aggressively, gaining several penalties and causing two forced substitutions for Belarus even before halftime. This considerably reduced our chance for tactical manoeuvres towards the end of the game. A third substitution was necessary when Yan Tigorev, who has just recovered from injury, was removed from the field in the second half.

Our squad had the chance to open the score but was interrupted in its attacks and, seven minutes after halftime, Georgian Tornike Okriashvili sent the ball directly into the net's far corner, having outmanoeuvred three of our players in the penalty area. The goalkeeper of the Belarusian national team, Sergey Veremko, who wore the captain's armband, failed to



Match between football teams of Georgia and Belarus

save the shot, leaving his squad 1:0 down.

After the goal, Georgy Kondratiev's trainees redoubled their efforts but to no avail. To move on, Belarus must now defeat the French in an away game at whatever cost.

"Evidently, this wasn't our day," noted Mr. Kondratiev, sharing his impressions of the game. "It would've been difficult playing the French regardless but, now, our task is becoming even more com-

plicated, due to player problems. Neither Nekhaichik nor Zhavnerchik can help us in Paris and it's likely that Tigorev will be 'on the sidelines' — although his injury isn't terrible so he'll probably be able to play. One thing is clear: we had little chance of going through to the next stage before but the odds have now worsened!"

Belarus will have its second match of the 2014 World Cup qualifying tournament on September 11th in Paris.

## Danish Vojens is gathering place

**Belarusian national hockey team to play for place at Sochi Olympiad-2014 in Vojens, in February 2013**

According to the official site of the Belarusian Hockey Federation, the hosts of the qualifying Olympic Group F, the Danes, have announced that the qualifying tournament will be hosted by the CE-Arena in Vojens. The facilities can accommodate 5,000 fans in total, with 3,000 standing. 400 more can be accommodated in the boxes.

The Belarusian national team, ranked 14th at the 2012 World Championship, has dropped to 13th place in the current world rankings, losing its right to host one of three qualifying Olympic tournaments, being held from February 7-10th, 2013. The honour is limited to those whose squads are ranked 10-12th. The top nine national ice hockey teams will go to Sochi 2014 without additional selection: Russia, Finland, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Canada, the USA, Norway, Slovakia and Switzerland. In the final round of the qualification, twelve national teams, divided into three groups, will compete for three more places at the Sochi Olympiad-2014.

Belarus' national ice hockey team (13th worldwide) will go to Denmark to play in Group F, against hosting Denmark (12th), Slovenia (18th) and the winner of the pre-qualification tournament. This is scheduled for November 8-11th, 2012, with battles between Hungary (19th), the Netherlands (24th), Lithuania (25th) and the winner of the play-off round for teams with lower rankings.

## Rock song written for BATE

**Yellow-Blue rock composition by Sun Road-21 honouring BATE football club officially presented in Minsk club RE: PUBLIC**

The performance was supported by *Nerves of Steel*, *Tesaurus*, *SGband* and MC Serge. The director and producer of *Sun*

*Road-21*, Andrey Kozlovsky, tells us, "BATE supporters and fans of good football came to the concert wearing yellow and blue clothes, with BATE flags, scarves and caps. We all want to support Belarus' best football club and inspire it to new victories. We are from Borisov and the idea of writing

the song came a year ago, when BATE reached the group stage of the Champions League for the second time, as well as becoming national champion again."

According to Mr. Kozlovsky, the club is already using the song at its home stadium and it has been played on FM-radio.