

# Repeating success from two years ago

By Yegor Glebov

## Victoria Pavlovich plays brilliantly at European Table Tennis Championship, hosted by Danish Herning

The world's top table tennis players battled in Denmark, with Ms. Pavlovich taking the prestigious singles championship title for the second time in her career. Victoria claimed gold in 2010 after defeating Austrian Jia Liu in Czech Ostrava.

The third seed left no chance for French Chinese-born Yi Fang Xian in the tournament's final, defeating her 4:1, and saw similar success in earlier matches. She smashed Daniela Dodean of Romania 4:2 and French Chinese-born Xue Li in the semi-final — 4:1.

Vladimir Samsonov, the leader of the Belarusian national team, took bronze in the doubles but was knocked out of the singles in the quarter-finals, after losing to German Bastian Steger — 0:4.



Viktoria Pavlovich wins the women's singles final match at the European Table Tennis Championships

## Telegraph in radio format

### High Speed Telegraphy World Championship, hosted by Switzerland, sees national team of Belarus win team gold for seventh time in a row

In the individual events, our athletes claimed 48 of 54 possible medals: 26 gold, 17 silver and 5 bronze. They also won 14 medals in the all-round, which comprised four exercises — including receiving and transmission of text, digital and mixed signs. They proved strongest in the transmission of radio messages.

World-class Anna Shevelenko won five gold medals, including the title of absolute women's world champion. Sergey Shvedko received one gold and two silver medals, as well as the title of absolute men's world champion. Larisa Borisenko also won five medals, including four gold, while three junior gold medals went to first time entrant Alexander Kozlov (under 16s).

Over 100 athletes from 16 countries participated in the competition, including those from Macedonia, Mongolia, Italy, Germany and countries from Eastern Europe and the CIS. The Belarusian team was far ahead of that of Russia and Romania, which took second and third place respectively.

## Just the beginning

BATE Borisov loses to Spanish Valencia in third match of Champions League Group Stage — 0:3 — but continues to be a candidate for play-offs



BATE Borisov loses to Spanish Valencia at Minsk Dynamo Stadium

By Sergey Atkinson

Belarus' champion is causing a stir, performing well despite being an underdog. In its two previous matches, BATE sensationally defeated French Lille in an away match (3:1) and then German Bayern at home (3:1). On arriving in Minsk, the head coach of Valencia, Mauricio Pellegrino, noted that, after such results, his team would be unwise to underestimate its rival.

The teams met as worthy opponents and, despite losing, BATE proved itself the equal of Valencia. The first half saw players on both sides

struggling for supremacy. If BATE had managed to open the score, (as it did in its two previous matches) the game may have played out differently; of course, such matters can be speculated upon endlessly.

In extra time at the end of the first half, Borisov lost sight of Spanish forward Soldado in their penalty area and BATE defender Marko Simić committed a foul. The referee awarded a penalty and Soldado sent the ball perfectly into the net; both sides later admitted that the goal probably determined the outcome of the match.

In the second half, BATE had the chance to score, with Vitaly Rodionov taking aim at his opponent's net. Sadly, luck was not on his side and, in a counterattack, the Spaniards scored their second goal, followed by a third. Valencia defeated BATE via quick counterattacks and efficient defence.

However, BATE is not downhearted, still having a good chance of reaching the next stage. Over the last four years, it has made massive progress, leading us to believe that more success lies ahead for the determined Borisov squad.

## Youngsters polish their mastery

By Igor Leshin

### Belarusian national fencing team wins bronze at international competition in Georgia

The international European Youth Tour fencing series

has finished in Tbilisi, proving a success for Belarusian fencers. Alexander Abramovich, Sergey Shachanin, Mikhail Akulo and Artem Karabinsky took team bronze, while Alexander Abramovich also came fourth in the individual

competition.

Our female fencers didn't do so well at a similar event in Slovakia, with Yelizaveta Kulyaeva finishing in the highest position: 16th. Three female teams took part, with the best ranked 8th.

## Rank brings expectation of victory

### London hosts Davis Cup-2013 draw

From February 1st-3rd, 2013, our Belarusian national team tennis players are to face Monaco in the first round of the Euro/African Zone's Group Two. The winner will then battle the best team from

Tunisia and Latvia in the second round. This season, Belarus has so far defeated Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina in Minsk (4:1) and lost in an away match to Poland — 2:3. It hopes to perform well enough to join Group One.

The national team of Monaco has lost to Ukraine 0:5 and has beaten Morocco in an away match — 3:2, keeping it in Group Two. Belarus' national team is ranked 50th worldwide, while Monaco is a more modest 61st.

## Successful races in Panevėžys

### Belarusian athletes claim three medals at 2012 UEC European Track Cycling Senior Championships, hosted by Lithuanian Panevėžys

Tatiana Sharakova, Yelena Dylko and Oksana Popko have claimed bronze in the 3km pursuit, having defeated the Germans. Lithuania defeated Poland to take gold. Our girls also took two gold medals in individual programmes.

Olga Panarina confidently won the sprint, ahead of Russian Anastasia Voinova in the final. Meanwhile, Tatiana Sharakova gave a convincing performance in the six-stage omnium and easily proved unrivalled in the points race. She did well across all disciplines (being ranked at least fourth in each); this guaranteed her lead and led to a worthy victory.

Olga Panarina finished fourth in the keirin, after coming second only to Russian Yelena Brezhniva in one of the heats. The final race saw her lose to Simona Krupeckaitė from Lithuania, and Russian Yekaterina Gnidenko and Yelena Brezhniva.



Tatiana Sharakova