

## Tomorrow's territory known

**Men's and women's national volleyball teams of Belarus learn their opponents for final stage of qualification for 2014 World Championship**

The men's team, coached by Victor Sidelnikov, has been placed in Group L, meeting in French Nantes, playing teams from Belgium and Spain, as well as France. Meanwhile, the women's squad, coached by Victor Goncharov, is to go to Bulgaria, facing Slovakia and the Czech Republic, alongside their hosts. The winners in each quartet will go through to the final stage. Moreover, the best team (who came second) will have the right to play in the men's final and two women's best squads (placed second) will also play in the finals.

## Mark of one hundred points

**Belarusian NHL Washington Capitals forward Mikhail Grabovski delivers 100th goal in world's strongest hockey league**

Mikhail Grabovski has assisted his partner in another home match in the championship, helping score against the Columbus Blue Jackets. After 19 games in this championship, Grabovski boasts 17 (6+11) points: third highest in the team. He leads for coefficient of usefulness, which stands at '+4'. Over 386 NHL matches, and eight seasons, he has earned 234 (100+134) points, but needs four more goals to beat the record held by the best Belarusian NHL shooter, Andrey Kostitsyn (103 goals). Using the 'goal + pass' system, the Washington Capitals forward leads among all Belarusians who have ever performed in the NHL.

## Graces ascended pedestal

By Andrey Sokolov

**Dinamo Minsk takes second place at Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships (AEON Cup-2013) — held in Japan**

Belarus' Dinamo Gymnastic Club members Melitina Stanyuta and Yekaterina Galkina competed for medals at the tournament, alongside Anna Bozhko (junior competition), taking team silver (207,050 points). Russian Gazprom claimed gold (213,300 points) while bronze went to Ukraine's Deriugina School. Ms. Stanyuta was awarded silver in the girls' individual all-round (73,150 points) while gold went to Russian Gazprom's Yana Kudryavtseva (75,100 points) and bronze to her colleague, Margarita Mamun (72,850 points). Belarus' Yekaterina Galkina took 5th place (70,450 points). Ms. Bozhko won silver (63,450 points) in the junior individual all-round, with gold taken by Russian Yulia Bravikova (65,350 points) and bronze claimed by Ukraine's Eleonora Romanova (61,300 points).

# Tenth title adds clarity

**BATE comes to Zhodino to smash local team and claim tenth championship title**

By Yegor Glebov

In the previous round, BATE lost to Shakhtyor, which truly disappointed the team, especially as, early on, everything had been going smoothly in their bid to win the championship title at their home stadium. BATE's away match in neighbouring Zhodino presented no difficulty for fans desiring to travel, since the distance is not far. However, the team was expecting a real battle.

In the first half, the Borisov squad scored twice, outwitting goalkeeper Vasily Khomutovsky. In the 9th minute, BATE full-back Yegor Filipenko caught Sergey Krivets' angle pass on his head and, later, was twice close to scoring: however, in the first case, the goalkeeper saved the situation and, in the other, Yegor misjudged his kick. By the end of the first half, the championship's best shooter — Vitaly Rodionov — had scored his 13th goal. Torpedo's goalkeeper did well initially but then failed to cope with another attempt on his net, which brought the score to 2:0.



**BATE claims Belarus Cup for tenth time**

In the second half, Vitaly Rodionov insistently went on the attack but it was Zaven Badoyan (who came off the substitute's bench) who scored: the first by the Armenian legionnaire with BATE this championship. Torpedo seemed to accept their defeat but BATE defender Denis Polya-

kov then made a careless pass along the penalty area, allowing Alexander Yatskevich to intercept the ball and easily score, sending it past BATE goalie Andrey Gorbunov. However, the Borisov team remained two goals ahead until the final whistle.

This was BATE's first win under

Alexander Yermakovich (replacing head coach Victor Goncharenko, who moved to Krasnodar Kuban in mid-October). After the victorious match, the new coach noted that this was due to Mr. Goncharenko, who has headed BATE since 2008. Since 2006, BATE has been Belarus' strongest football team.

## Final stage before start of the season



**Biathletes prepare for start of season**

By Igor Grishin

**Belarusian men's and women's national biathlon teams conduct final training in Finnish Kontiolahti, before heading to first stage of World Cup in Swedish Östersund**

One speed and two control training events are scheduled in Kontiolahti, with the major focus on fulfilling preparatory work for forthcoming competitions. The Belarusian squad features 2010 Winter Olympic Games (Vancouver) medallists Darya Domracheva and Sergey Novikov, joined by Nadezhda Skardino, Anastasia Dubo-

rezova, Lyudmila Kalinchik and Nadezhda Pisareva on the women's team and Yevgeny Abramenko, Vladimir Alenishko, Vladimir Chepelin, Yuri Lyadov and Alexander Dorozhko on the men's.

After training in Kontiolahti, the Belarusian biathletes will move to Swedish Östersund, where a new biathlon season starts on November 24th, with a mixed relay.

The results of the performances of each participant during nine stages of the World Cup will be taken into account, as well as successes at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, which are to be held from February 7th-23rd.

## Wealth of gold, silver and bronze awards

By Sergey Smirnov

**Collection of 17 medals claimed by Belarusian gymnasts, from European Championship in Portugal**

The European Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championship and the European Championships in Acrobatic Gymnastics (European Age Group Games), held in the Portuguese city of Odivelas, gathered more than 300 gymnasts from 17 countries. Impressively, our squad has brought home an impressive total of 17 medals: 1 gold, 4 silver and 12 bronze.

The best result among experienced acrobats was shown by the men's quartet of Kirill Shatov, Eduard Volchetsky, Kirill Zhdanovich and Artem Khvalko, winning silver for two disciplines (balance and all-round), and bronze in dynamics (tempo). Men's duo Ilya Rybinsky and Yevgeny Novikov won bronze awards in all three disciplines at the Championship.

Women's duo Margarita Bartashevich and Victoria Mikhnovich claimed a silver medal for their dynamics routine while trio Anna Kobzyeva, Yulia Kovalenko and Yulia Khripach won bronze for balance.

The six adult medals were supplemented by junior duo Marina



**During the performance**

Samkevich and Darya Nesterchuk's gold for the balance, as well as bronze in the all-round. Meanwhile, Yekaterina Borisevich, Veronika Nabokina and Karina Sandovich took silver for the balance and came third in the all-round. The men's junior duo of Vladislav Sablevsky and Dmitry Lilenko, and the junior quartet of Yevgeny Medvedev, Andrey Yermilov, Dmitry Liptsev and Yevgeny Kashin brought home two bronze medals each (balance and all-round and balance and dynamics respectively).

Junior gymnasts Yelizaveta Smal, Valeria Boldyreva and Angelina Marchuk were awarded bronze in the youngest group (12-18 years).