

Kalyuzhny's record

Belarusian national hockey team forward, Yaroslavl Lokomotiv captain Alexey Kalyuzhny, breaks record for number of matches in Russian and KHL championships

On March 2nd, the sixth match in the Gagarin Cup's first round, against Cherepovets Severstal (1:3), became the 163rd for Alexey Kalyuzhny, 35, in the Russian Superleague and KHL play-offs. Previously, the record was held by defender Sergey Zhukov, who played 17 seasons with Yaroslavl before retiring from professional hockey in 2011, having played in 162 Cup games.

Kalyuzhny is the third hockey player to deliver over 40 pucks in Russian and KHL championship play-offs and is superseded only by Alexey Morozov (43 goals) and Maxim Sushinsky (46 goals). He has now scored 41 goals for his teams.

This season, Kalyuzhny has played in 52 matches with Lokomotiv in the KHL regular championship — earning 23 (8+15) shooting points and 26 penalty minutes, with a plus-minus ratio of -10. He has played in six play-off matches, earning 4 (2+2) points, with 2 penalty minutes and a plus-minus rating of -2. Meanwhile, Lokomotiv, which was ranked fourth in the Western Conference, has been knocked out of the Gagarin Cup after losing to Cherepovets Severstal in the first round (in series of up to four matches).

Presentation at highest level

Presentation of 2014 IIHF World Championship in Minsk takes place during largest international tourist exhibition — ITB Berlin-2013 — hosted by German capital

The presentation of the world hockey holiday took place at the Belarusian Embassy to Germany and at the International Tourist Congress, showing the best of Belarus' tourist opportunities and its readiness to host the huge tournament in 2014.

The exhibition involved 187 countries and over 7000 journalists from 90 states. The world's biggest tourist congress — organised annually since 2004 — was held during the exhibition, tackling topical issues within the tourist industry, as well as social media and mobile technology trends.

This year, several more presentations of the IIHF World Championship are scheduled, with the event being hosted by the Belarusian capital from May 9th-25th, 2014. The next presentations will be take place in Moscow, Sochi and Stockholm.

Sochi gold proves useful

Darya Domracheva finishes first in individual race at IBU Biathlon World Cup eighth stage, hosted by Russian Sochi

By Igor Leshin

In the 15km, across four shooting ranges, the Belarusian biathlete missed two targets, leading to a final time of 45 minutes 45.2 seconds. Behind her were Russian Olga Zaitseva and Norwegian Tora Berger.

Besides skiing at her habitually high speed, Darya demonstrated accurate shooting at three shooting ranges, making her two misses only at the final stage. However, this didn't prevent her from achieving a confident victory, outstripping Olga Zaitseva of Russia by more than 30 seconds, despite Olga's perfect marksmanship. The win is the twelfth for Domracheva to date and her second this season.

The sprint race saw Darya in fifth place, under the most difficult weather conditions. In the 7.5km, with two shooting ranges, Ms. Domracheva made one miss, producing a result of 25 minutes 46.9 seconds: 18.2 seconds behind winner Magdalena Gwizdon of Poland (no misses). Anas-

tasiya Kuzmina from Slovakia came second, followed by Norwegian Tora Berger.

The relay took place on the final day of the competition, in which the Belarusian women's team finished eighth. The Belarusian squad took two penalty loops and seven additional cartridges, with a time of 1 hour 12 minutes 24.1 seconds. This was 2 minutes 57 seconds behind Germany, who won with a time of 1 hour 9 minutes 27.1 seconds and just one penalty loop. Those from Ukraine came second: no penalty loops, 6 additional cartridges and 11.9 seconds behind Germany. Norway was third, with no penalty loops, 10 additional cartridges and +21.2 seconds.

In the current World Cup, Darya Domracheva has claimed nine medals: two gold, five silver and two bronze. Overall, Tora Berger leads, with 1,165 points, making it likely that she will be awarded the Big Crystal Globe. Ms. Domracheva is ranked second, with 848 points, followed by German Andrea Henkel (742).



Victory of Darya Domracheva

Tsmoki to please fans



Tsmoki Minsk mercenaries in the game

By Yegor Glebov

Basketball players of Tsmoki Minsk gain second victory in VTB United League, with sensational home win against Žalgiris Kaunas

The 17th game in the round, hosted by Minsk-Arena, saw the home team finally pleasing fans with an amazing defeat of one of Europe's

top teams — 86:82. From the very beginning, the 'dragons' showed that they had no intention of yielding to their formidable opponent, being eager to go through to the next round. The Minsk squad kept their lead throughout most of the match, although Žalgiris climbed ahead in the fourth minute before the final whistle. Fans held their breath but the team rose to

the challenge, finally snatching victory.

Just 27 seconds before the end of the match, Denis Korshuk scored three points, then took a penalty in the final 20 seconds, ensuring the team's supremacy. In total, Korshuk claimed 15 points, while Alexander Kudryavtsev and American mercenary Thierry Brown scored 16 points each, making them the top shooters. In the first round, Andrey Krivonos' team lost in Kaunas — 57:81.

Tsmoki's only other victory in Group B was gained in February, over Neptunas Klaipeda (93:71) at Minsk-Arena. Neptunas recently lost to Triumph Lyubertsy at home — 88:97 — leaving it with 19 points, on equal footing with the Minsk club. On March 17th, the Belarusian champions will meet Nymburk Czech Republic at home. The latter recently lost to Yenisei Krasnoyarsk, with a score of 59:81.

Krasnoyarsk will host the final match for Neptunas and Tsmoki on March 24th, revealing who will take 9th place in Group B, allowing them to avoid qualifying games for the VTB United League next season.

MAZ vehicles along Silk Road

By Igor Grishin

Belarusian MAZ-SPORTauto to take part in Silk Way Rally-2013 this summer

Representatives of the MAZ-SPORTauto team have returned from the Russian capital, having made their official application to participate in the truck class rally. They also spoke at a special press conference regarding the competition, which starts in Moscow on July 6th and finishes in Astrakhan on July 13th.

The crew line up has not changed since Dakar-2013: off-road across Peru, Argentina and Chile. The first crew comprises driver Alexander Vasilevsky, navigator Valery Kozlovsky and mechanic Anton Zaporoshchenko (ranked 21st at Dakar-2013 in the truck class) while the second features Sergey Vyazovich (driver), Pavel Garanin (navigator) and Dmitry Zaporoshchenko (mechanic).

In addition, the same vehicles are being used, having proven themselves in South America during the Dakar



Rally. They are now on their way across the Atlantic, reading for maintenance work at the enterprise prior to further racing.

The fifth Silk Way Rally is to commence from the Kremlin's walls in Red Square, covering seven stages and almost 3,000km south-east from Russia, along a designated route.

This year's Silk Way Rally is to be the most representative, with MAZ-SPORT taking part for the fourth time. Last year, Alexander Vasilevsky's crew came 11th in the truck nomination while Sergey Vyazovich's team finished 14th among 24 crews.