

Debutant gold and a renewed coaching staff

Polytechnic athletes never cease to amaze. They start — and they win. Here is a digest of sports events in February.

Jiu-jitsu



Maxim Morozov, a student of the Institute of Cyber Security and Information Protection, took 1st place at the All-Russian Brazilian jiu-jitsu tournament Rock and rolling. Under the guidance of coach Rashid Madayev, a black belt holder, he prepared for the competition in just one month and showed a very decent result.

It was my first competition in this sport and therefore my first victory, Maxim said. «I've been doing Brazilian jiu-jitsu for about a year now. I signed up for wrestling at the beginning of the school year as a physical education section, but I didn't know what kind of wrestling it would be. I went to physical education class with Rashid Madayev the whole first semester and asked him about the evening class he was teaching. He said, 'Buy a kimono and come.'»

Bowling



Valentin Kim and Mikhail Korzhov from the Top Spin bowling team of IKNT were the best in the 5th University Bowling Tournament in doubles.

In total, 13 teams participated in the tournament, our guys played the qualification of two games and made it to the final part, where they won all four joints.

Bowling is relatively new to me, if you count training and practicing technique, before that I just got together with friends on a regular basis. It's interesting, it allows me to distract from my studies and work, Valentin said.

Mikhail Korzhov had never participated in doubles tournaments before. It was an unexpected experience, thanks to my partner Valentin Kim for a great game, Mikhail shared. When I learned that Polytechnic University had a bowling team, I decided to give it a try. Of course, the coach, Master of Sports Anastasia Fedorova, puts a lot of effort into it. She is also one of the organizers of the tournament.

Soccer

The Polytechnic University soccer team has a new coaching staff. Now, head coach Stepan Verbitsky, coach Evgeny Chupalov and selective coach Anatoly Dimitropulo work with our team.

In an interview with SC Polytechnic, Stepan Verbitsky told that he has a liberal approach to team management: ...I am in a constant dialogue with the team. I respect every player I have under my wing, every one of them is a really unique and great guy! But at the same time I don't tolerate any back-slapping terms — my kindness shouldn't be mistaken for weakness.

Ice Hockey

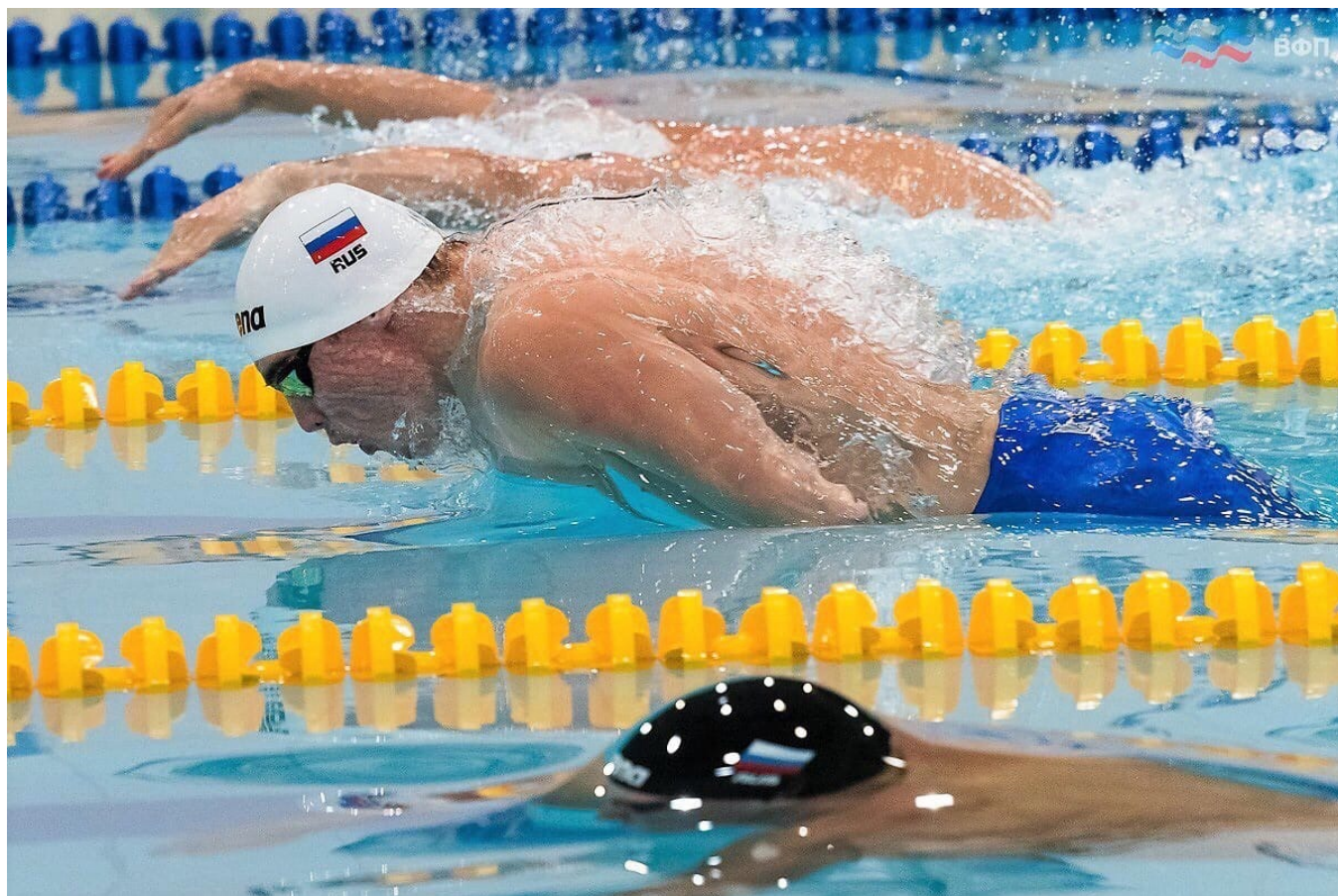


On February 23rd, the «Winter Classic» match of the St. Petersburg Student Hockey League was held, where the Polytechnic team played against the hockey team of P.F. Lesgaft University. Our guys won with a score of 6-5.

Sambo

On the same day, a combat sambo tournament «Defender of the Fatherland Cup» took place. IMM&T student Arseniy Sandetsky took the 1st and 3rd places among the experienced athletes, and Firdavs Zikrillaev from SMI took the 2nd place among the beginners. Polytechnic students took the second place in the overall standings.

Swimming



Roman Shevlyakov, the silver medalist of last year's Russian Swimming Championships, is preparing for the next national championship, which is scheduled for the end of April in Kazan. According to the athlete, it will be a qualifying start for the World, European and World University Games.

Last season was successful for Roman; he was included into the Russian national team for the European Championship in Kazan and participated in his first participation in adult international finals. After winning two individual silver medals (50 and 100 m butterfly) at the Russian Championships in St. Petersburg, he went to represent our country at the World Championships in Abu Dhabi, where he and his team won third place in the relay.

I was born in the city of Engels, located on the banks of the Volga, and my grandparents' dacha, where I spent every summer, is literally 50 meters from the shore. So my brother and I spent a lot of time in the water, Roman told me about his early days in sports. My grandfather taught us to swim doggy-style. During another training session I reached him as usual and swam backwards on my back. Grandpa was very surprised, 'Who taught you?' I answered, 'Nobody, it's just more comfortable.' After that, he decided to take me to the swimming class. My first coach, a wonderful teacher and mentor Yuri Dmitrievich Tyulin, played a huge role in my development as an athlete. And in 2014 I moved to St. Petersburg at the invitation of coaches I met at training camps, Andrei Stepanov and Valery Albertovich Izmailov, with whom I still train.

Climbing



Vladimir Zakharov, a student of IKNT, won first place in the «difficulty» discipline at the St. Petersburg Climbing Championship.

Skiing

The first stage of the All-Russian Winter Universiade ski orienteering competition was held in Lembolovo (sprint and classic). The Polytechnic team took the second place in the team event. Kirill Babayev, a student of IET, showed the third result among men in both disciplines, and Sergey Krasilnikov was fourth on the second day of competition. Anna Litvinova also made a significant contribution, finishing seventh in the classic. Sergey and Anna, by the way, are graduates of Polytechnic University, but according to the rules of the competition had the right to help the team achieve a good result.

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