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BESEDA PREDSEDNIKA OPTIMIZEM JE VODILO

Veliko je bilo že napisanega o zgodovinskem uspehu slovenske hokejske reprezentance. Redki smo verjeli, da bo Vojens dvignil slovenske hokejiste med zvezde. Danes v njih verjamemo vsi. Ekipa ni le vzor mladim športnikom, je simbol moštvenega duha, simbol domoljubja in preprostosti. Je pojem zmagoslavja, veselja. Znamo in si upamo.

Kakorkoli nam štejejo, koliko hokejskih igrišč imamo, koliko klubov, koliko registriranih igralcev - ne glede na vse primerjave z velikimi - bomo vedno med najboljšimi. Med največjimi ne bomo nikoli, med najboljšimi pa zagotovo.

Verjamem, da odhod v Soči ni končna postaja na poti slovenskega hokeja med najboljše na svetu, nadaljevali bomo svojo pot tudi v Južni Koreji. Na naši poti bomo doživljali padce, razočaranja. Ne bomo pa obupali, saj po dnu pride vzpon. Tudi življenje je serija vzponov in padcev, za šport to velja še toliko bolj neposredno. Fantje imajo srce, voljo in željo, ki predstavljajo vodilo za zagotovljen uspeh slovenskega hokeja.

Optimizem je vodilo, ki preveva člane hokejske reprezentance in ki smo ga sprejeli kot naše poslanstvo tudi v vodstvu Hokejske Zveze.

Much has been written about the historical success of the Slovenian national ice hockey team. Only a few of us really believed that Vojens would raise Slovenian ice hockey players among the top stars. Today we all believe in these players. The team is not only a role model for young athletes but is also a symbol of tremendous team spirit, patriotism as well as simplicity. It represents the concept of triumph and joy. We can and we dare.

No matter how we are compared to larger nations – the number of ice rinks, clubs registered players - we believe that we will always remain among the best. While we may not be among the best of the best, we'll certainly strive to remain in the top rank.

I believe that the Olympic Games in Sochi are not the final destination for Slovenian ice hockey in ranking among the best in the world. We aim to continue our path to South Korea. On our way, we will certainly experience downs and disappointments. But we are determined not to give up to rise after each fall. Life is a series of ups and downs and this applies even more directly in sports.



Our guys have heart, will and desire, which represents a guide for the assured success of Slovenian ice hockey.

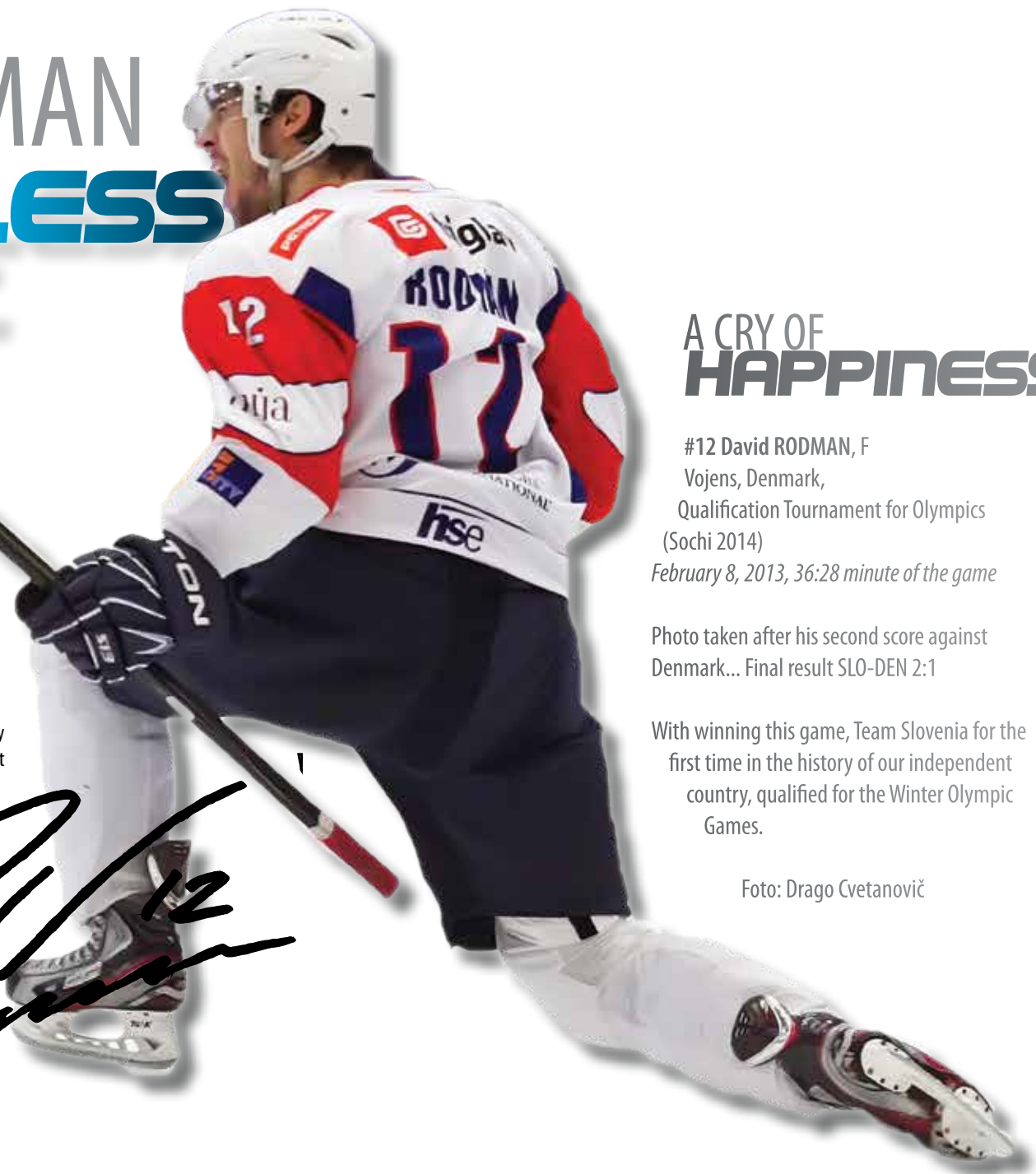
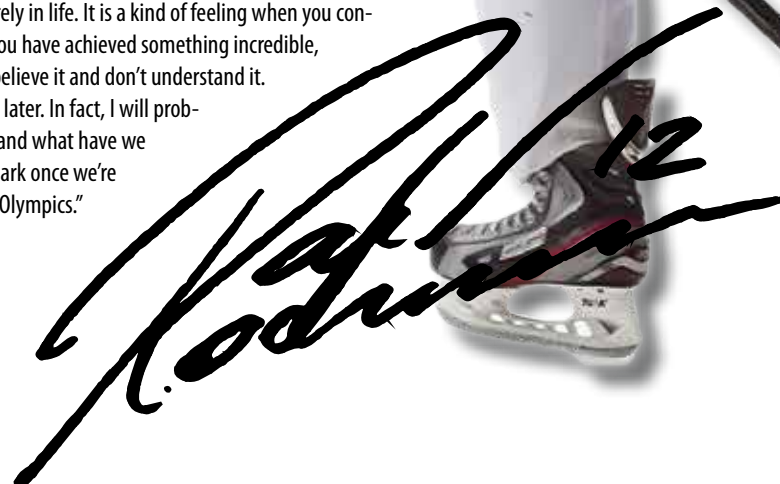
Optimism is a guide that unifies all the members of our ice hockey team - a perspective we have also adopted as our mission in leading the Slovenian Ice Hockey Federation.

Matjaž Rakovec
Predsednik HZS

DAVID RODMAN A PRICELESS MOMENT

"Gre za občutke, ki jih je resnično težko opisati. Lahko bi rekel, da sem občutil srečo. Absolutno srečo. Posebno vrsto sreče, ki jo v življenju občutiš le redko. Gre za nekakšen občutek, ko zavestno veš, da si dosegel nekaj neverjetnega, vendar ne moreš verjeti in tudi ne dojeti. Vse to pride za tabo šele kasneje. Pravzaprav bom verjetno v celoti dojel, kaj nam je uspelo narediti na Danskem šele, ko bomo enkrat dejansko na olimpijskih igrah."

"These are feelings that are actually very hard to describe. You could say that I felt happiness. Absolute happiness. A special kind of happiness that you feel very rarely in life. It is a kind of feeling when you consciously know that you have achieved something incredible, but you can't really believe it and don't understand it. All this comes to you later. In fact, I will probably fully understand what have we achieved in Denmark once we're actually at the Olympics."



A CRY OF HAPPINESS

#12 David RODMAN, F
Vojens, Denmark,
Qualification Tournament for Olympics
(Sochi 2014)

February 8, 2013, 36:28 minute of the game

Photo taken after his second score against
Denmark... Final result SLO-DEN 2:1

With winning this game, Team Slovenia for the
first time in the history of our independent
country, qualified for the Winter Olympic
Games.

Foto: Drago Cvetanovič

SLOVENIJA IMA SVOJ ČUDEŽ NA LEDU SLOVENIA HAS ITS OWN MIRACLE ON ICE

Slovenija ima pod samostojno zastavo v hokeju na ledu kratko zgodovino, vseeno pa je v tem času napisala številne uspešne zgodbe. Zadnja med temi je bila uvrstitev na olimpijske igre v Sočiju. Mnogi tuji mediji so to označili kot čudež na ledu, saj ima Slovenija med vsemi udeleženkami najmanj igralcev in igrišč. A zgodovina slovenskega hokeja ne sega le v čas osamosvojitve, začelo se je že veliko prej, v poznih dvajsetih letih prejšnjega stoletja.

Prva tekma v Sloveniji je bila odigrana februarja leta 1932 v Kamniku, s 15:1 je zmagala Ilirija. Le dobra dva teden zatem je bila tekma med istima nasprotnikoma odigrana tudi v Ljubljani. Ilirija je imela vse do začetka druge svetovne vojne vodilno vlogo na področju nekdanje Jugoslavije.

Po koncu druge svetovne vojne so po Sloveniji zrasla hokejska središča, glavno vlogo pa so prevzele Jesenice, ki so v nekdanji Jugoslaviji osvojile kar 23 naslovov državnih prvakov. Najhujši tekmeč je bila Olimpija. Ko sta se pomerila te dva nasprotnika, sta bili obe dvorani polni do zadnjega kotička. Slovenski igralci so imeli glavno vlogo tudi v jugoslovanski reprezentanci, ta je bila sestavljena praktično iz slovenskih hokejistov. Kar nekaj slovenskih igralcev je v Jugoslaviji občutilo olimpijske igre. Hokejska reprezentanca je prvič nastopila na olimpijskih igrah leta 1964 v Innsbrucku, nato pa še leta 1968 v Grenoblu, 1972 v Saporu, 1976 v Innsbrucku in nazadnje leta 1984 v Sarajevu.

Po razpadu Jugoslavije je Slovenija začela povsem na dnu svetovnega hokeja, skupini C. Preboj je bil zaradi razpada Sovjetske zveze težak, vseeno pa je leta 1998 Slovenija napredovala v skupino B svetovnega hokeja. Leta 2001 se je sistem tekmovanja nekoliko spremenil, Slovenija pa je v Ljubljani gostila novonastalo divizijo I in se prvič v zgodovini uvrstila v najvišji razred svetovnega hokeja. V elitni diviziji je do zdaj zagrata sedemkrat, nazadnje leta 2013 na Švedskem. Istega leta pa je dosegla še en mejnik, februarja se je na kvalifikacijskem turnirju na Danskem prebila na olimpijske igre v Sočiju. Pravi čudež na ledu!

Slovenija has a short history in ice hockey under its own independent flag, but has nevertheless already documented many successful

stories. The most recent of these is achieving inclusion at the Olympic Games in Sochi. Given that Slovenia has fewest players and ice rinks among all participating nations, it's no wonder that many

foreign media have described this success as a »Miracle on Ice«. But the history of Slovenian hockey doesn't begin with the nation achieving independence in 1991. Rather, it started long before in the late twenties of the 20th century, when Slovenia was still a Republic of the former Yugoslavia. Slovenia's first ice hockey match was played in Kamnik in February, 1932. Ilirija won by a score of 15:1. Just over two weeks later, the same opponents faced each other in Ljubljana. As a club, Ilirija maintained a leading role in the former Yugoslavia all the way up to the beginning of the Second World War.

Following the end of the Second World War, other hockey centers rose up in Slovenia, the leading role being taken over by Jesenice, which won 23 National Championships in the former Yugoslavia. Jesenice's toughest rival was then (and still remains today) Olimpija from Ljubljana. When these two teams would play each other, arenas were packed to the last corner. Slovenia's players had always maintained an important role in the Yugoslavian national Team, which was almost entirely made up of Slovenian players. During the time of the former Yugoslavia, Slovenian players had already played at the Olympic Games. The Yugoslavian national team first played at the 1964 Olympic Games in Innsbruck and later in 1968 in Grenoble, 1972 in Saporu, 1976 in Innsbruck, and finally, in 1984 in Sarajevo.

When Slovenia became an independent country, it began at the World Championships as bottom ranked - in group C. Due to the collapse of the Soviet Union, all the ex-Soviet Union countries also started in the same group, making a breakthrough extremely tough. Nevertheless, Slovenia progressed to Group B by 1998 in front of a home crowd. In 2001, Slovenia hosted Division I and was, for the first time in history, promoted to the top class of world hockey. So far, Slovenia has played in the elite Division seven times - most recently in Sweden, in 2013. During that same year, Slovenia achieved a new milestone - February 2013 will be written with golden letters in history books, as Slovenia managed to advance to the Olympic Games in Sochi for the first time. A true Miracle on Ice! (Peter Prelc)



MATJAŽ RAKOVEC, Predsednik HZS

POSLEDICA EKIPNEGA DUHA



Slovenija v tej sezoni čakata kar dve veliki tekmovanji. Olimpijske igre in svetovno prvenstvo. Seveda bodo igre v ospredju, saj si je Slovenija zagotovila zgodovinsko uvrstitev nanje.

Gre za zgodovinski uspeh, ki je rezultat vsega preteklega dela, predvsem pa ekipnega duha v garderobi. In ne le kemija med igralci, seveda je tu še hokejsko znanje, ki je hokejiste pripeljalo do olimpijskih iger in izvrstnih rezultatov.

Na hokejski zemljevid se je Slovenija vpisala že z uvrstitvami v elitni razred svetovnega hokeja, z olimpijskimi igrami pa je le še utrdila svoj položaj.

Če trenutno pustimo ob strani, da bodo čez štiri leta nove olimpijske igre, bo naš cilj v prihodnosti, da Slovenija postane stalna članica elitne divizije. To bo cilj v prihodnjem mandatu.

Prav olimpijske igre pa so bile eden izmed ciljev v tem mandatu?

Lepši način za zaključek mandata si ne bi mogel predstavljati. Celotna ekipa, ki je v teh štirih letih gradila Hokejsko zvezo Slovenije, si zasluži čestitke. Z vsemi sodelavci, ki so se nam v tem obdobju pridružili, smo dokazali, da naši cilji niso bili pretirani in so bili realni.

Dokazali smo, da smo sposobni stopiti skupaj in nekaj narediti za skupni cilj.

Kakšni pa bodo načrti za v prihodnje?

Delati bomo morali na popularizaciji hokeja v Sloveniji. Tekmovanja, v katerih igrajo slovenske ekipe, bo potrebno narediti še močnejše. V tej sezoni smo pokazali, da smo sposobni izvesti takšno tekmovanje. V tej smeri bomo morali nadaljevati tudi v prihodnje. Cilj je tudi, kot sem že omenil, da postanemo stalni člani elitne divizije, v nižjih kategorijah pa želimo ostati v skupinah, v katerih nastopajo posamezne starostne kategorije. Seveda pa si želimo tudi finančno okrepiti delovanje celotnega pogona, za kar pa bodo potrebna sredstva. Upam, da bomo z vsemi temi uspehi pridobili tudi nove sponzorje.



MATJAŽ RAKOVEC, President of the SIHF

CONSEQUENCE OF A TEAM SPIRIT



Two big competitions await Slovenia this year. The Olympic Games and the World Championships. Of course, the Olympics remain at the forefront...

The Olympic Games are an historic success for us. They are the result of hard work and especially, of positive team spirit in the dressing room. Of tremendous significance is not only a great chemistry among players, but also technical expertise and the excellent results that finally led players to the Olympic Games.

Slovenia made it to elite international ice hockey division with strong performances at the World Championships and we anticipate that its position will be even stronger as a result of the Olympic Games.

Leaving aside the fact that there will be new Olympic Games in the next four years, our goal is to become a permanent member of the international elite division. This will become our goal during the next seasons.

The Olympic Games were one of the goals of this season?

We cannot imagine a better way to end the season. The entire team, which has over the last four years helped build the Slovenian Ice Hockey Federation, deserves congratulations.

With all the colleagues who have joined us during this time, we have proved that our goals were not unrealistic, but rather, quite manageable and real. Through consistent effort, we have proven that we are able to come together and do something for a greater common goal.

What are the plans for the future?

We need to continue promoting the popularity of ice hockey in Slovenia. We need to make Slovenian national competitions even stronger. During this season, we have proven that we are able to perform such a contest. We should also proceed in this direction in future. As I have already indicated, one of our goals is to remain a permanent member of the elite division. In the lower age categories, we wish to remain in divisions that we are already representing. Of course, we want to financially strengthen the functioning of the entire operation, for which we will require additional funding. I hope that we will also gain new sponsors as a result of these successes.



DEJAN KONTREC, Generalni sekretar HZS **DELAMO ZA PRIHODNOST**



Slovenija se je prvič uvrstila na olimpijske igre. Gre za zgodovinsko uvrstitev. Kaj ta pomeni za Slovenijo in slovenski hokej?

Ta uvrstitev ne pomeni promocije za slovenski hokej le doma, temveč na širšem področju. To pa nam bo v prihodnje pomagalo tudi pri proizvodnji kakovostnih igralcev.

Olimpijske igre vseeno pomenijo več kot svetovno prvenstvo. Pridejo le najboljši hokejisti na svetu, prekine se liga NHL ...

Olimpijske igre so največji svetovni dogodek. Ne moremo jih primerjati z nobenim svetovnim prvenstvom. Olimpijska medalja je veliko bolj cen-

jena kot tista s svetovnega prvenstva. Že po samem obsegu in vsem, kar spremlja olimpijske igre, je to veliko večji dogodek.

Slovenija je fenomen. Ima najmanj registriranih igralcev in najmanj dvoran, pa se je uvrstila na olimpijske igre.

Vsekakor. Vseeno pa mislim, da že nekaj časa ne moremo govoriti, da je le fenomen in se vedno znova sklicevati na to, da imamo najmanj igralcev in dvoran. Vidimo, da je Slovenija pri vseh športih zelo dobra, imamo kakovostne športnike in športnice, uspehe v številnih športih. Slovenci in Slovenke so zares uspešni v športu. Temu moramo slediti tudi pri hokeju.

#14 Dejan Kontrec, F

Je prišlo ob zgodovinskem uspehu veliko čestitk?

To je bil zares velik uspeh za vse. Tako da smo na Hokejsko zvezo Slovenije prejeli kar nekaj čestitk ob uspehu. In ne le iz Slovenije, tudi iz tujine.

Kar naenkrat je bilo potrebno dodatno načrtovanje za dodaten dogodek in ne le za svetovno prvenstvo. Je to predstavljajo kaj težav?

Prav nič. Na dogodek se pripravljamo enako kot bi bilo svetovno prvenstvo elitne divizije. Organiziran je pod okriljem MOK in IIHF. Morda je bilo le nekoliko več dogovarjanja okoli logistike z Olimpijskih komitejem Slovenije, saj smo tu nekoliko bolj podrejeni pravilom, ki jih moramo upoštevati.

Kakšni pa so načrti za naprej? Po koncu olimpijskih iger se bo začela nova zgodba, novi načrti?

Moje mišljenje je bilo vedno, da je potrebno delati za naprej. Športni dogodki se hitro vrstijo eden za drugim, ni časa za počitek in spanja na lovorikah. Mi se že sedaj pripravljamo na svetovno prvenstvo v Koreji. In ne le to. Naš pogled sega v prihodnost. Delamo v dobro slovenskega hokeja. Razmišljamo o naslednjih olimpijskih igrah. Pri športu se te stvari nikoli ne ustavijo. Zame so olimpijske igre, razen samega dogodka, že preteklost. Oziramo se že proti Koreji in naslednjemu olimpijskemu ciklusu. Letos poteče temu vodstvu Hokejske zveze Slovenije mandat, tako da bo potrebno narediti nov načrt za prihodnost.

Želja pa je tudi še kakšen nov hokejski center v Sloveniji?

Z novim mandatom imamo tudi nove cilje. Eden izmed teh je tudi nov hokejski center v Sloveniji. Imamo kader, ki nam to omogoča. Potrebno je namreč postaviti celotno piramido, če želiš postaviti nov center. Ni vse v objektu. Potrebno je imeti strokovni kader, trenerje in tako naprej. In te imamo.

DEJAN KONTREC, General Secretary SIHF **WORKING FOR THE FUTURE**



For the first time in history, Slovenia has qualified for the Olympic Games. This is an historical moment. What does this mean for Slovenian ice hockey?

This means a promotion for Slovenian ice hockey not only at home, but also in terms of a wider region and perspective. This will also help us to produce quality players in future.

In ice hockey, the Olympic Games mean more than the World Championships. Only the best hockey players in the world play at the Olympic Games ...

The Olympic Games are the world's largest event. We can't compare them with the World Championships. The Olympic medal is much more appreciated than medals from the World Championships. If we consider the importance of the Games and everything that surrounds them, then we can see the significance and how much bigger of an event the Olympic Games truly are.

Slovenija is a real phenomenon. With the minimum number of registered players and the least ice hockey Arenas. And still will play at the Olympic Games.

Without doubt, Slovenia is a phenomenon. Still, I think that we could not say it's just a phenomenon. We could

not always rely on the fact that we have so few players and ice hockey rinks. We see that Slovenia is doing great in all sports. We have quality athletes and great success in many sports. We are really successful in sports. We must also follow this tradition in ice hockey.

Did you get many congratulations?

It was really a great success for all of us. The Ice Hockey Federation of Slovenia received several congratulations on our success. This came not only from Slovenia but also from abroad.

It was suddenly necessary to further plan for an added event and not just for the World Championships. Any problems?

We didn't have any additional problems. We are preparing for the Olympic Games in the same way that we would for the World Championships elite division. The Olympic Games are organized under the auspice of the International Olympic Committee and the International Ice Hockey Federation. Perhaps there was only slightly more discussion about the logistics of the Slovenian Olympic Committee, since we must be more subordinate to these rules.

What are the plans for the future? Will you start a new story at the end of the Olympics? Do you have new plans for the future?

We must always work for the future. Sports events come one after another. We don't have time to sleep and rest on our laurels. We are already preparing for the World Championships in Korea. And not only that. Our view also extends into the future. We are doing something positive for Slovenian ice hockey. We are thinking about the next Olympics. In sports, these things never stop. Aside from the event itself, the Olympics are for me already in the past. We are already looking to Korea and the next Olympic cycle. We are making new plans for the future.

Do you also wish to extend some new hockey centre in Slovenia?

With the new mandate we will also have new plans. One of these is also a new ice hockey centre in Slovenia. We have staff that makes this possible. If you want to establish a new centre, it is necessary to build an entire team. Not everything rests in just the building. It is necessary to have professional staff, coaches and so on. And we have that.

MATJAŽ KOPITAR, Selektor reprezentance **DO ZADNJEGA DIHA**



Slovenska hokejska reprezentanca ima v tej sezoni dve tekmovalni. Olimpijske igre v februarju in svetovno prvenstvo v aprilu. V ruski Soči se je Slovenija uvrstila pred dobrim letom, ko je zmagala na kvalifikacijah na Danskem. Takrat je ob prihodu v domovino tvorec teh uspehov Matjaž Kopitar uspeh pospremil z naslednjimi besedami:

Saj ne vem, kaj naj sploh rečem. Zelo sem vesel. Fantje me poznajo in vedo, da uživam v teh trenutkih. Nekaj neverjetnega. Neverjeten uspeh. Igralci so si to pošteno prigarali. Vse se začne in konča pri njih. Lahko bi

dejal, da smo zares ena zanimiva družina, a kot kaže, nam stvari dobro uspevajo. Včasih malo na strogo, včasih na lepo, je pa dejstvo, da jim zelo zaupam, oni pa zaupajo meni.

Vaš sin igra v Severni Ameriki, kjer tudi sami preživite kar nekaj časa. Kako so slovenske uspehe in uvrstitev na olimpijske igre pospremili tam?

Kar se tiče novinarskih vrst, bo veliko novinarjev navijalo za nas. Ko sem imel intervjuje in pogovore, so nam vsi zaželeli srečo. Zanimanje in poz-

navanje za slovenski hokej se je kar dvignilo, seveda je razlog tudi ta, da smo z ZDA v isti skupini.

Kakšen bo vaš cilj v Sočiju?

Takšno vprašanje sem dobil tudi v ZDA, vedno sem odgovoril isto. In tudi tokrat bo tako. Nam se je v Vojensu zgodilo nekaj velikega. To ne pomeni, da odhajamo v Soči na dopust. Nastopati na tako velikem tekmovanju je čast in privilegij. Mi bomo naredili vse, da se optimalno pripravimo in bomo konkurenčni. Dali bomo vse od sebe. Tudi mi imamo svoje skrite želje. V predtekmovanju imamo tri tekme, vsaka točka bo dobrodošla. Ne bomo se predali že v naprej. Vsi pa hkrati vemo, kdo so naši nasprotniki.

Na olimpijske igre lahko potuje le 25 hokejistov, kar pomeni, da je bilo potrebno narediti seznam, iz katerega so nekateri izpadli. Je bilo to težko?

Če sem pred štirimi leti dejal, da se bomo uvrstili na olimpijske igre, pa bom sedaj za mlade igralce dejal, naj pridno trenirajo, delajo in grede oziroma gredo čez štiri leta znova na olimpijske igre. Tudi mene sprašujejo, kako blizu sem bil sam nastopu na olimpijskih igrah v Sarajevu. Bil sem zelo blizu, vendar pa sem bil takrat mlad. Ker nisem odpoštoval zraven, se svet ni podrl. Sem pa začel bolj zavzeto trenirati, saj sem upal, da se bom morda kdaj drugič uvrstil kot igralec na olimpijske igre. V tem trenutku je izbor takšen, že čez mesec dni bo morda drugačen.

Prvič bodo tudi na voljo vsi najboljši slovenski igralci ...

Do zdaj smo imeli vedno na voljo dve udarni peterki, sedaj pa bomo skušali to razširiti na tri, zraven pa bo še četrta, ki bo zadolžena predvsem za defenzivne naloge.

Po olimpijskih igrah sledi še eno tekmovanje. Svetovno prvenstvo v Koreji ...

Tudi svetovno prvenstvo bo prav enako pomembno tekmovanje kot olimpijske igre. Priložnost bodo dobili tudi nekateri mlajši igralci, saj se vsa tuja prvenstva do takrat ne bodo končala. Jasno pa je, da se bo pred začetkom svetovnega prvenstva v Koreji končala liga EBEL.

MATJAŽ KOPITAR, Head Coach **UNTIL THE LAST BREATH**



During this season, the Slovenian Ice Hockey Team will participate in two competitions. The Olympic Games in February and the World Championships in April. Nearly a year ago, Slovenia qualified in Denmark for the Olympic Games. When Slovenian players returned home, Head Coach Matjaž Kopitar accompanied the big success with the following words:

»I don't even know what to say. I am very happy. The guys know me and they know how much I enjoy these moments. It is something incredible. An amazing success story. The players worked very hard to get there. It all starts and ends with them. It could be said that we are an interesting group which is doing something great together. Sometimes it's a bit strict, sometimes not, but the fact is that I trust these guys very much and they trust me.

Your son Anže plays in North America, where you also spent some time. How did they look at Slovenia's successes and inclusion into the Olympic Games in America?

In term of journalists, many of the journalists will cheer for us. When I gave interviews and had discussions with them, they all wished us luck. Interest and knowledge about Slove-

nian ice hockey grew at this time. One of the reasons is also that we are in the same group as the United States of America.

What will be the goal for Slovenia in Sochi?

I received this same questions in the USA and always answer it in the same way. We achieved something great at Vojens. This does not mean that we are going to Sochi on a holiday. To be part of a competition that's as big as the Olympic Games is an honour and a privilege. We will do our best to prepare optimally and to be competitive. We will give it our all. We also have our own hidden agendas. We have three matches in the first round, every point will be welcome. We will not give up before the competition has even started. But at the same time, we know who our opponents are.

Only 25 ice hockey players can travel to the Olympic Games. This means it was necessary to make a list of players, from which some were eliminated. Was this difficult?

Four years ago I had already said that we would qualify for the Olympic Games. Now I tell the young players that they must train and work hard and after four years, they – or we, all of us together – will go to the Olympics. Many had asked me how close I was to playing at the Olympics in Sarajevo. I was very close, but I was young then. The world didn't end when I didn't go to Sarajevo. I started to train harder because I was hoping that I might play at the Olympic Games some other time. At this moment, the selection is as it is, in a month it might be different.

We will see the best Slovenian players for the first time...

Until now, we always had two strong lines, but now we will try to extend these to three. The fourth line will primarily be responsible for defensive tasks.

After the Olympics, there will be another competition in April. The World Championships in Korea ...

Both competitions are equally important for us. In Korea, we will give more opportunity to some younger players because ice hockey leagues will not end before the competition. It is already clear that the EBEL league will end before the start of the World Championships in Korea.

DR. JANKO POPOVIČ **THE WILLPOWER**

Pred 30 leti, ko je Jugoslavija nastopila na olimpijskih igrah v Sarajevu, ste bili član predsedstva Hokejske zveze Jugoslavije. Kako se spominjate iger v Sarajevu?

Igre so bile zanimive, saj so potekale na dokaj nenavadnem kraju, hkrati pa Bosna ni imela kakšne posebne tradicije v zimskih športih. Hkrati so se hokejisti po daljšem času znova pojavili na olimpijskih igrah, tokrat brez kvalifikacij. Lahko rečem, da je bilo vse organizirano na vrhunski ravni. Mi smo imeli dobro ekipo, pa čeprav nismo bili v samem vrhu svetovnega hokeja. Mnogi so se spraševali, ali nam bo uspelo zmagati kakšno tekmo. To nam je uspelo, saj smo ugnali Italijo s 5:2.

Slovenski hokej ima bogato zgodovino na reprezentančnem področju. Tudi v nekdanji Jugoslaviji so imeli glavno besedo slovenski hokejisti.

Tako je. Ko sem pripravljal po osamosvojitvi elaborat za sprejem naše zveze v mednarodno družino, smo morali upravičiti vstop. Eden izmed ključnih podatkov je bilo tudi število igralcev. V vseh reprezentancah, članski, do 20 in 18 let, je bilo prek 80 odstotkov igralcev slovenske narodnosti.

Leta 1984 se je Jugoslavija pomerila s Sovjetsko zvezo, sedaj nas čaka Rusija. Zadetek Ivana Ščapa je mnogim ostal v spominu ...

To je bil brez dvoma velik dogodek, ko zabiješ zadetek takemu moštvu in takšnemu vratarju kot je Vladislav Tretiak. Vendar se bolj kot zadetka spominjam evforičnega navijanja v dvorani.

Trnova pot je čakala slovensko hokejsko reprezentanco po osamosvojitvi. A dosegla je toliko stvari, da je za mnoge fenomen ...

Pri naših igralcih se je vedno kazala velika volja, da dosežejo uspeh. To je ena stvar. Druga pa je, da so bili pripravljene trdo delati. Radi so trenirali, radi so se borili za Slovenijo. Tudi trenerski kader je bil dober. Morda nismo pričakovali, da se bo vse to tako hitro zgodilo.

Thirty years ago former Yugoslavia appeared at the Olympic Games in Sarajevo. How do you remember the Games in Sarajevo?

Games were interesting, because they took place in a fairly unusual place, while Bosnia has not had any special tradition in winter sports. At the same time Yugoslavia - after a long period - appeared at the Olympics, this time without qualifications. I can say that it was all organized at the top level. We had a good team, even though we were not at the top of world ice hockey. Many were wondering whether we will manage to win a single game. At the end we beat Italy with 5:2.

Slovenian hockey has a rich history in international arena. Even in the former Yugoslavia Slovenian ice hockey players played the main role...

That is correct. When Slovenia gained independence I had a task to prepare the admission for our Federation to join the International Ice Hockey Federation. We had to justify the entry. A key information was the number of players. In all of the national team categories, senior, U20 and U18, over 80 percent of the players had Slovenian passports.

In year 1984 Yugoslavia played against former Soviet Union and in Sochi, Slovenia will play against Russia. Many remember the goal against Soviet Union, scored by Ivan Ščap.

That goal was without doubt a big thing. It is unforgettable to score a goal against such a team and against a great goaltender as Vladislav Tretiak was. However, more than a goal, I remember the euphoric cheering in the ice arena.

A thorny path was awaiting Slovenian ice hockey team after independence. But the team had achieved so

many things in the way. People tend to regard it as phenomena...

Our players have always shown a great will to achieve success. This is one thing. The second is that they were always prepared to work hard. They like to train and they like to fight for Slovenia. The coaching staff was always good. Perhaps we didn't expect that all of this will happen so fast.



RUDI HITI **THE SPIRIT**

Danes je priložnost, da čestitam vsem za predano delo, ki ste ga opravili za zaslužen udeležbo na Olimpijskih igrah Soči 2014!

V naši majhni deželi, ampak majhni samo po velikosti, ne pa tudi majhni po srcu, ima šport veliko moč! Lahko poenoti ljudi ter je prava spodbuda za krepitev samozavesti in nacionalne identitete.

Iz izkušenj s Sapporo in Grenobla vam lahko povem, da je olimpijski duh resnično prisoten in ga boste prav vsi, ki se boste udeležili iger, občutili! Izjemen občutek je, ko si med vsemi najboljšimi športniki na istem dogodku v isti, olimpijski vasi.

Verjamem, da smo z uvrstitvijo presenetili mednarodno skupnost. Verjamem, da bomo na igrah presenetili še koga, zato vam želim veliko športne sreče!

Today, I have the opportunity to congratulate all players for the dedicated work with which you have deservedly earned inclusion at the Winter Olympic Games. In our small country - small only by size and not by heart - sport has great value. Sport can unify people and breed self-confidence and national identity. From my experiences in Sapporo and Grenoble, I can tell you that the Olympic spirit is real and that you will all be able to feel it. It is an amazing sense of joy, to be able to come together with the

best athletes of the World. I strongly believe that while we have once surprised the international public by qualifying for these Games, it is by far not the last surprise. I wish you lots of sports luck!



GAME SCHEDULE OLYMPIC GAMES

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES 2014
7-23.02.2014

Venue: Bolshoy Ice Dome, Shayba Arena (Sochi)

DAY	TIME *	VENUE	FLAG	TEAM	Against	FLAG	TEAM	FINAL RESULT	SCORERS FOR SLOVENIA
13.02.2014	13:30	Bolshoy		RUS	VS		SLO	5:2 (2:0,1:2,2:0)	Žiga Jeglič 2x
15.02.2014	09:00	Bolshoy		SVK	VS		SLO	1:3 (0:0,0:0,1:3)	R. Tičar, T. Razingar, A. Kopitar
16.02.2014	13:30	Shayba		SLO	VS		USA	1:5 (0:2,0:2,1:1)	Marcel Rodman
18.02.2014	09:00	Bolshoy		SLO	VS		AUT	4:0 (2:0,1:0,1:0)	J. Muršak, S. Kovačević, J.Urbas, A. Kopitar
19.02.2014	09:00	Bolshoy		SWE	VS		SLO	5:0 (1:0,0:0,4:0)	ČETRTFINALE

*EU time

Group A

- Russia
- Slovenia
- Slovakia
- United States

Group B

- Austria
- Canada
- Finland
- Norway

Group C

- Czech Republic
- Latvia
- Switzerland
- Sweden

GAMES PLAYED AGAINST OPPONENTS



RUSIJA/RUSSIA

7 GP 1 W 0 T 6 L Goal difference: 12:32

Date	Venue	Score	Event
28.12.2000	Meribel	0:2 (0:0,0:0,0:2)	Tournament
27.12.2001	Albertville	4:7 (3:3,0:2,1:2)	Tournament
26.04.2002	Goteborg	1:8 (0:3,1:2,0:0)	WchA
27.04.2005	Jesenice	0:4 (0:0,0:3,0:1)	Friendly game
01.05.2011	Bratislava	4:6 (0:1,1:1,3:4)	WchA
12.11.2011	Gomel	0:3 (0:1,0:0,0:2)	Tournament
16.12.2011	Ljubljana	3:2 (2:0,1:2,1:0)	Tournament

SLOVAŠKA / SLOVAKIA (SVK)

9 GP 0 W 1 T 8 L Goal difference: 14:39

Date	Venue	Score	Event
19.03.1994	Spiška Novi Ves	0:9 (0:7,0:0,0:2)	WchC
29.12.2000	Chamonix	3:3 (2:2,1:1,0:0)	Tournament
30.08.2001	Pieštani	2:5 (0:1,1:2,1:2)	Tournament
02.04.2003	Prievidza	1:4 (0:1,1:2,0:1)	Friendly game
03.04.2003	Prievidza	2:3 (0:1,0:2,2:0)	Friendly game
24.04.2008	Skalica	1:3 (0:1,1:1,0:1)	Friendly game
09.05.2008	Halifax	1:5 (0:1,1:4,0:0)	WchA
10.05.2008	Halifax	3:4 (0:1,2:2,1:0) *PS	WchA
29.04.2011	Bratislava	1:3 (0:0,1:1,0:2)	WchA

ZDA / USA

4 GP 0 W 0 T 4 L Goal difference: 3:25











Date	Venue	Score	Event
02.05.2003	Tampere	2:7 (2:3,0:3,0:1)	WchA
01.05.2005	Innsbruck	0:7 (0:3,0:2,0:2)	WchA
02.05.2006	Jesenice	0:6 (0:0,0:3,0:3)	Friendly game
04.05.2008	Halifax	1:5 (0:1,1:2,0:2)	WchA

GAME SCHEDULE

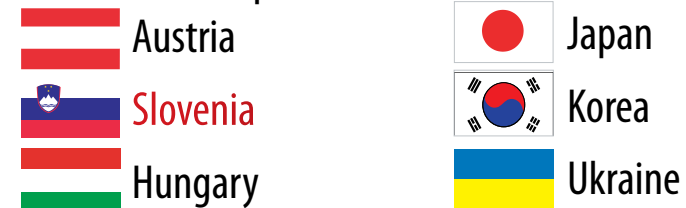
WMIA 2014

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, DIV I/A
20-26.04.2014

Venue: Arena Goyang, KOREA

DAY	TIME	VENUE	FLAG	TEAM	Against	FLAG	TEAM	FINAL RESULT	BY THIRDS
20.04.2014	08:00	Goyang		JPN	VS		SLO		
21.04.2014	11:30	Goyang		SLO	VS		KOR		
23.04.2014	04:30	Goyang		SLO	VS		HUN		
24.04.2014	04:30	Goyang		SLO	VS		UKR		
26.04.2014	08:00	Goyang		AUT	VS		SLO		

Division I / Group A



GAMES PLAYED

AGAINST OPPONENTS



TEAM SLOVENIA GAMES AGAINST:

AGAINST	GAMES	WIN	TIE	LOSE	GOAL DIFFERENCE
AVSTRIJA (AUT)	22	8	4	11	53:54
JAPONSKA (JPN)	9	6	1	2	32:21
KOREJA (KOR)	2	2	0	0	18:25
UKRAJINA (UKR)	9	2	2	5	21:29
MADŽARSKA (HUN)	23	17	2	4	93:57





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Aleš **BURNIK**, video coach



Dare **RUPAR**, press officer



Drago **TERLIKAR**,
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Urban **KOMAC**, physiotherapist

Manca **MARC**, physiotherapist



2014 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM SLOVENIA ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BORN	CLUB	LEAGUE	COUNTRY
1	Andrej HOČEVAR	GK	183	83	21.11.1984	Epinal	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
33	Robert KRISTAN	GK	183	85	04.04.1983	Nitra	Extraliga	(SVK)
40	Luka GRAČNAR	GK	179	83	31.10.1993	Redbull Salzburg	EBEL	(AUT)
4	Andrej TAVŽELJ	D	188	90	14.03.1984	Rouen Dragons	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
7	Klemen PRETNAR	D	180	82	31.08.1986	VSV Villach	EBEL	(AUT)
15	Blaž GREGORC	D	190	97	18.01.1990	Pardubice	Extraliga	(CZE)
17	Žiga PAVLIN	D	193	97	30.04.1985	Troja/Ljungby	Allsvenskan	(SWE)
28	Aleš KRANJC	D	183	89	29.07.1981	Kölner Haie	DEL	(GER)
51	Mitja ROBAR	D	177	85	04.01.1983	Krefeld Pinguine	DEL	(GER)
14	Matic PODLIPNIK	D	180	82	09.08.1992	Dukla Jihlava	1. Liga	(CZE)
86	Sabahudin KOVAČEVIČ	D	190	95	26.02.1986	Sary-Arka Karaganda (KAZ)	VHL	(RUS)
8	Žiga JEGLIČ	F	185	80	24.02.1988	ERC Ingolstadt	DEL	(GER)
9	Tomaž RAZINGAR	F	186	89	25.04.1979	Troja/Ljungby	Allsvenskan	(SWE)
11	Anže Kopitar	F	193	103	24.08.1987	Los Angeles Kings	NHL	
12	David RODMAN	F	185	83	10.09.1983	Oskarshamn	Allsvenskan	(SWE)
16	Aleš MUŠIČ	F	176	82	28.06.1982	Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)	EBEL	(AUT)
19	Žiga PANCE	F	185	89	01.01.1989	HC Bolzano (ITA)	EBEL	(AUT)
22	Marcel RODMAN	F	186	85	25.09.1981	Schwenninger Wild Wings	DEL	(GER)
24	Rok TIČAR	F	180	82	03.05.1989	Kölner Haie	DEL	(GER)
26	Jan URBAS	F	192	98	26.01.1989	Red Bull München	DEL	(GER)
39	Jan MURŠAK	F	180	85	20.01.1988	CSKA Moskva (RUS)	KHL	
55	Robert SABOLIČ	F	183	90	18.09.1988	ERC Ingolstadt	DEL	(GER)
71	Boštjan GOLIČIČ	F	183	88	12.06.1989	Briançon Diabes Rouges	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
92	Anže Kuralt	F	175	80	31.10.1991	Epinal	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
91	Miha VERLIČ	F	194	86	21.08.1991	Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)	EBEL	(AUT)



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1	Andrej HOČEVAR	GK	183	83	21.11.1984	Epinal	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
33	Robert KRISTAN	GK	183	85	04.04.1983	Nitra	Extraliga	(SVK)
40	Luka GRAČNAR	GK	179	83	31.10.1993	Redbull Salzburg	EBEL	(AUT)
4	Andrej TAVŽELJ	D	188	90	14.03.1984	Rouen Dragons	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
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17	Žiga PAVLIN	D	193	97	30.04.1985	Troja/Ljungby	Allsvenskan	(SWE)
28	Aleš KRANJC	D	183	89	29.07.1981	Kölner Haie	DEL	(GER)
51	Mitja ROBAR	D	177	85	04.01.1983	Krefeld Pinguine	DEL	(GER)
58	Luka TOŠIČ	D	183	80	10.03.1988	Villard de Lans	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
86	Sabahudin KOVAČEVIČ	D	190	95	26.02.1986	Sary-Arka Karaganda (KAZ)	VHL	(RUS)
14	Matic PODLIPNIK	D	180	82	09.08.1992	Dukla Jihlava	1. Liga	(CZE)
8	Žiga JEGLIČ	F	185	80	24.02.1988	ERC Ingolstadt	DEL	(GER)
9	Tomaž RAZINGAR	F	186	89	25.04.1979	Troja/Ljungby	Allsvenskan	(SWE)
11	Anže KOPITAR	F	193	103	24.08.1987	Los Angeles Kings / USA	NHL	
12	David RODMAN	F	185	83	10.09.1983	Oskarshamn	Allsvenskan	(SWE)
13	Gašper KOPITAR	F	183	88	13.08.1992	Ontario Reign	ECHL	(USA, CAN)
16	Aleš MUŠIČ	F	176	82	28.06.1982	Olimpija Ljubljana / SLO	EBEL	(AUT)
19	Žiga PANCE	F	185	89	01.01.1989	HC Bolzano / ITA	EBEL	(AUT)
20	Gal KOREN	F	184	84	16.01.1992	Olimpija Ljubljana / SLO	EBEL	(AUT)
22	Marcel RODMAN	F	186	85	25.09.1981	Schwenninger Wild Wings	DEL	(GER)
24	Rok TIČAR	F	180	82	03.05.1989	Kölner Haie	DEL	(GER)
26	Jan URBAS	F	192	98	26.01.1989	Red Bull München	DEL	(GER)
39	Jan MURŠAK	F	180	85	20.01.1988	CSKA Moskva (RUS)	KHL	
55	Robert SABOLIČ	F	183	90	18.09.1988	ERC Ingolstadt	DEL	(GER)
71	Boštjan GOLIČIČ	F	183	88	12.06.1989	Briançon Diables Rouges	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
76	Rok PAJIČ	F	178	76	26.09.1985	Češke Budejovice	1. Liga	(CZE)
92	Anže KURALT	F	175	80	31.10.1991	Epinal	Ligue Magnus	(FRA)
96	Luka BAŠIČ	F	180	80	07.10.1989	Astana	Kazahstan	
91	Miha VERLIČ	F	194	86	21.08.1991	Telemach Olimpija (SLO)	EBEL	(AUT)



#33 Robert KRISTAN

GK



Igralno mesto/Position:
Vratar/Goalkeeper
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
04. 04. 1983
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)
Višina/Height: 183 cm
Teža/Weight: 85 kg
Lovilka/Catches: Leva/Left
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 33
Ekipa/Team: Nitra (SVK)
Matični klub/First Team:
Jesenice
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Olimpija (SLO), Ottawa senator jr.(SJHL), Brynäs (SWE), Mora (SWE), Medveščak Zagreb (CRO)

Robert Kristan ali Lix, kot ga pogosto kličejo soigralci, je v zadnjih letih vratar številka ena v Sloveniji. Branjenje ima v krvi, saj je bil že njegov oče Aleksander Cigan čuvaj mreže. Hokejsko pot je začel na Jesenicah, bil stalni član reprezentanc v nižjih selekcijah, kjer je na svetovnih prvenstvih tudi prejemal nagrade za najboljšega vratarja. V tujini je dve sezoni preživel na Švedskem pri Mori in Brynäs, štiri leta pa je branil za Medveščak, kjer je postal ljubljenec navijačev. Letos brani za slovaško Nitro.

Robert Kristan or Lix, as his teammates like to call him, has been the number one ranked goalkeeper in Slovenia for the past several years. He has goaltending in his blood, as his father, Aleksander Cigan, was also a goalkeeper. He began his career in Jesenice, was a permanent member of the national teams in the lower age categories and received awards at the World Championships for best goalkeeper. He spent two seasons in Sweden with Mora and Brynäs and played for four years for Medveščak, where he was adored by his fans. This year, he plays for Nitra in the Slovak Republic.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		115	0	2	2	10
World Champ.	10	41	-	-	-	-

#1 Andrej HOČEVAR

GK



Igralno mesto/Position:
Vratar/Goaltender
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
21. 11. 1984
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Ljubljana (SLO)
Višina/Height: 183 cm
Teža/Weight: 83 kg
Lovilka/Catches: Leva/Left
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 1
Ekipa/Team: Epinal (FRA)
Matični klub/First Team:
Olimpija
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Olimpija, Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Pontebba (ITA), Angers (F RA), Sokil Kiev (UKR)

Andrej se lahko pohvali z dejstvom, da je bil prvi slovenski hokejist, ki je zaigral v ukrajinskem prvenstvu. Zadnjih pet let igra v tujini, poleg Ukrajine je igral tudi v Italiji za Pontebba, v tej sezoni pa igra za delfine iz Epinala. Hokej je začel igrati skupaj z dve leti starejšim bratom Matejem, ki pa je napadalec. Oba brata sta bila nekaj let tekmeča, Andrej je branil za Jesenice, Matej pa ga je skušal premagati v dresu Olimpije. Je velik ljubitelj nogometa in rad igra play station.

Andrej was the first Slovenian ice hockey player to play at the Ukrainian championships. For the last five years, he also played abroad. Besides playing in the Ukraine, he played in Italy for Pontebba and in France for Angers. This season, he plays for the Dolphins in Epinal. He started playing ice hockey together with his twoyear older brother Matej, who is a forward. For several years, the brothers were rivals while Andrej played for Jesenice and Matej tried to put the puck behind Andrej's back wearing the jersey of Olimpija. Andrej is a huge soccer fan and likes to play Play Station.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		88	1	0	1	0
World Champ.	8	34	-	-	-	-

#40 Luka GRAČNAR

GK



Igralno mesto/Position:
Vratar/Goaltender
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
31. 10. 1993
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)
Višina/Height: 179 cm
Teža/Weight: 83 kg
Lovilka/Catches: Leva/Left
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 40
Ekipa/Team: Red Bull Salzburg (AUT)
Matični klub/Youth Team:
Jesenice
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: HD Mladi Jesenice (SLO)

Je najmlajši član reprezentance. Športno pot je začel na Jesenicah, pri 17 letih pa se je preselil v Salzburg in že v prvi sezoni debitiral za člansko selekcijo. Je pravi biser slovenskega hokeja, ki se je v zgodovino vpisal tudi z dosežkom, da je na svetovnem prvenstvu branil proti Kanadi in osvojil točko. Za člansko reprezentanco je sicer novembra 2012 debitiral brez prejetega zadetka proti Italiji. Pred to sezono je bil na poti do novega mejnika, udeležil se je nabora lige NHL, kjer pa na koncu ni bil izbran.

Luka Gračnar is the youngest member of the team. He began his sports career in Jesenice. When he was 17 years old, he moved to Salzburg, where he made a debut for the senior team during his first season. Luke is a true diamond of Slovenian ice hockey who also wrote his name in history when he collected a point against Canada at the World Championships. Luke played his first game for the senior team in November 2012 against Italy and kept his sheet clean. Prior to this season, he was on his way to a new milestone, attended the NHL draft but was not selected.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		8	0	0	0	
World Champ.	1	2	-	-	-	-



TEARS OF HAPPINESS

#4 Andrej TAVŽELJ, Assistant Team Captain
Vojens, Denmark,
Qualification Tournament for Olympics (Sochi 2014)
February 8, 2013, at 23:05

Taken after the game Denmark : Slovenia ...

With winning this game, Team Slovenia for the first time in the history of our independent country, qualified for the Winter Olympic Games.

Foto: Drago Cvetanovič

"V tem trenutku sem pomislil na pot, ki sem jo prehodil do tistega trenutka, predvsem sem se spomnil na starše, ki sta mi omogočila ukvarjanje s tem športom in vseh kilometrov in ur, ki sta jih porabila za moje treninge. Vsaka stvar, ki se ji v življenju odrečeš, se v takih trenutkih izplača. Trdo delo vedno najde pravo pot." (Andrej Tavželj)

#4 Andrej TAVŽELJ



Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
14. 03. 1984

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 188 cm

Teža/Weight: 90 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 4

Ekipa/Team: Rouen (FRA)

Matični klub/First Team:
Triglav Kranj

Nekdanji klubi/Former clubs: Triglav Kranj (SLO), Slavija (SLO), Olimpija (SLO), Cortina (ITA), Pontebba (ITA), Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Poprad (SVK)

Andreja Tavžlja je možno opisati le z eno besedo. Borec. Za branilca iz Kovorja noben plošček ni izgubljen, zaradi njegove požrtvovalnosti in metov pod ploščke, zaradi katerih je prišlo do marsikaterih poškodb, ga navijači spoštujejo. Hokejsko pot je začel pri Triglavu iz Kranja, v Sloveniji pa se je preizkusil še pri Olimpiji, Slaviji in Jesenicah. V tujini je igral v Italiji za Cortino in Pontebbo, na Slovaškem za Podprad, zadnji dve sezoni pa nosi dres francoskega Rouena, s katerim je tudi državnih prvak. Je velik ljubitelj lige NHL in ameriškega nogometa.

Andrej Tavželj can be described with just one word. Fighter. No puck is lost to this defender from Kovor. He is well respected by fans because of his sacrifices and throws - which have also led to some injuries. Andrej began his career at Triglav, in Kranj. In Slovenia, he also played for Olimpija, Slavija and Jesenice. He played for Cortina and Pontebba in Italy and for Podprad in Slovakia. For the last two seasons, he plays for French Rouen, who is a national champion. Tava is a big fan of the National Hockey League and American football.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		100	3	11	14	68
World Champ.	6	33	0	3	3	18

D #28 Aleš KRANJC



Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
29.07.1981

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 183 cm

Teža/Weight: 89 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 28

Ekipa/Team: Kölner Haie (GER)

Matični klub/First Team:
Jesenice

Nekdanji klubi/Former clubs: Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Vienna Capitals (AUT), SAPA Fehervar (HUN), Češke Budejevice (CZE)

Je nepogrešljivi član slovenske reprezentance. Dolga leta je igral za Jesenice, v sezoni 2009/10 pa se je prvič preizkusil tudi izven naših meja. Okrepil je Dunaj, ki igra v ligi EBEL. Sezono zatem je ostal v isti ligi, le da je zamenjal klub. Odšel je na Madžarsko. Sledil je nov izziv, preselil se je v najmočnejšo češko ligo, kjer je okrepil Češke Budejovice, tam pa ga je treniral nekdanji slovenski selektor František Vyborny. Zadnji dve leti nosi dres nemškega Kölna. Kranjc ima odličen pregled nad igro in strel.

Kranjc is an indispensable part of the Slovenian national team. For many years he played for Jesenice. He went abroad for the first time in 2009/10, where he strengthened the Vienna team, playing in the EBEL league. He remained there during the following season, but changed clubs and left for Hungary. Then came a new challenge - transferring to the Czech league, he strengthened Češke Budejovice where he was coached by former Slovenian coach, Fratišek Vyborny. During the last two years, he wears the jersey of Köln. Kranjc has an excellent overview of the game and produces accurate shots.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		133	22	24	46	161
World Champ.	9	52	12	8	20	58

#51 Mitja ROBAR

D #15 Blaž GREGORC

D

#17 Žiga PAVLIN

D #86 Sabahudin KOVAČEVIČ

D



Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
04. 01. 1983

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Maribor (SLO)

Višina/Height: 177 cm

Teža/Weight: 85 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 51

Ekipa/Team: Krefeld Pinguine (GER)

Matični klub/First Team:
Maribor

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Maribor (SLO), Slavija (SLO), Olimpija (SLO), Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Oskarshamn (SWE), Lukko (FIN)

Mitja Robar je proizvod mariborske šole hokeja, kjer je igral do sezone 2003/04. Robar, ki je odlično tehnično podkovan, je v Sloveniji nosil še dres Slavije, Olimpije in Jesenic. Pri Jesenicah je imel čast, da je bil kapetan ekipe. Sledil je odhod v tujino. V prvi sezoni izven meja Slovenije je zamenjal tri klube. Začel je na Švedskem pri Oskarshamnu, nato se preselil na Finsko v Luukko, končal pa pri nemškem Krefeldu, kjer igra še danes. Kot je eleganten na ledu je tudi izven, saj se odloča za modna oblačila.

Mitja Robar is a product of Maribor's ice hockey school, where he played until 2003/04. An exceptionally technically strong player Robar has worn the jerseys of Slavija, Olimpija and Jesenice. In the 2010/11 season, he was Jesenice's captain. He then went to play abroad. During his first season outside of Slovenia, Robar played for three different clubs. He began in Oskarshamn, Sweden before moving on to Finland in Luukko and finally ending up in Germany, where he still plays for Krefeld today. As stylish as he is on the ice, he is also outside of the ice hockey rinks, liking to wear fashionable clothes.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		117	10	17	27	94
World Champ.	9	50	6	12	18	53

Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
18. 01. 1990

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 190 cm

Teža/Weight: 97 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 15

Ekipa/Team: Pardubice (CZE)

Matični klub/First Team: HK Bled

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Bled (SLO), Triglav Kranj (SLO), Nyköping (SWE), Växjö Lakers (SWE), Södertälje (SWE), Odense (DEN)

Hokejsko pot je začel na Bledu, vendar pa se hitro preselil v tujino. Pri 17 letih je namreč Slovenijo zamenjal za Švedsko, kjer je oblekel dres Södertälja. V tem klubu je preživel kar pet sezon in igral za različne selekcije. Od tiste do 18 in 20 let, pa do članske. V prejšnji sezoni je odšel na Dansko, v tej pa naredil nov korak naprej na svoji športni poti, saj je okrepil Pardubice, ki nastopajo v najmočnejši češki ligi. Čeprav nikoli ni bil izbran na naboru lige NHL pa je julija leta 2011 sodeloval na pripravljalnem taboru ekipe Los Angeles Kings.

Gregorc began his ice hockey career in Bled but quickly moved abroad. When he was 17 years old, he moved to Sweden. He spent five seasons in Södertälje, where he played for several different age categories. These included from 18 to 20 years old and up to senior. During his last season, Gregorc went to Denmark. Here, he made a new step forward in his career, appearing in the strongest Czech league to strengthen Pardubice. Although he was never selected by the NHL, Gregorc participated in the Los Angeles Kings camp in July of 2011.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		53	5	21	26	16
World Champ.	3	18	1	8	9	6

Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
30. 04. 1985

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Kranj (SLO)

Višina/Height: 193 cm

Teža/Weight: 97 kg

Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 17

Ekipa/Team: Troja/Ljungby (SWE)

Matični klub/First Team:
Triglav Kranj

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Triglav Kranj (SLO), Slavija (SLO), Ritten/Renon (ITA), Olimpija (SLO), Rögle (SWE)

Visokorasli branilec, ki je hokejsko pot začel pri kranjskem Triglavu, je odlično tehnično podkovan. V Sloveniji je igral še za Bled, Slavijo in Olimpijo, s katero je prišel do finala lige EBEL in osvojil drugo mesto. V sezoni 2008/09 se je preizkusil v Italiji, nato pa se za leto dni vrnil v Olimpijo. Znova je odšel v tujino, okrepil je ekipo Troja/Ljungby, za katero igra še danes. Del prejšnje sezone je preživel v najmočnejšem švedskem tekmovanju, nosil je dres Rögleja. Njegova zaročenka je slovenska pevka Špela Kleinlercher.

This defenceman started his career at Triglav Kranj. He is very well technically skilled. In Slovenia, he played for Bled, Slavija and Olimpija, through which he came to the finals in the EBEL league. In the 2008/09 season, he played for Italy and then returned for a year to Olimpija. He went abroad again, strengthening the Troja/Ljungby team, for which he still plays today. He spent part of the previous season in the strongest Swedish league, wearing the shirt of Rögleja. He is engaged to Slovenian pop singer Špela Kleinlercher.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		79	4	12	16	50
World Champ.	5	25	1	3	4	12

Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
30. 04. 1985

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Kranj (SLO)

Višina/Height: 193 cm

Teža/Weight: 97 kg

Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 86

Ekipa/Team: Troja/Ljungby (SWE)

Matični klub/First Team:
Triglav Kranj

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Triglav Kranj (SLO), Slavija (SLO), Ritten/Renon (ITA), Olimpija (SLO), Rögle (SWE)

Hokejsko pot je začel na Jesenicah. Sledil je odhod v Italijo, kjer je nosil dres Asiaga in Allegheja. V sezoni 2011/12 je zamenjal dve državi. Začel je na Danskem pri Herningu, končal pa pri Popradu na Slovaškem, kjer je igral tudi v prejšnji sezoni. Letos bo eden redkih reprezentantov, ki bo navajen na Rusijo. Igra namreč za kazahstansko ekipo Sary-Arka Karaganda, ki pa nastopa v drugem razredu ruskega hokeja. Budo, kot ga kličejo soigralci, vedno poskrbi, da je okoli lastnega gola mir in nasprotniku ne pride na pamet, da bi pogledal proti vratarju.

Kovačević began his ice hockey career in Jesenice. He then moved to Italy, where he played for Asiago and Alleghe. In the 2011/12 season, he played in two countries. He started in Denmark and ended up in the Slovak Republic, where he also played his last season. Kovačević will be one of the few players who is already accustomed to Russia. He plays for the Kazakh Sary-Arka Karaganda team, which appears in the second class of Russian ice hockey. Budo, as they call him, always ensures that there is peace in front of their own goal.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		87	9	15	24	56
World Champ.	5	28	3	6	9	18

#7 Klemen PRETNAR



Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
31. 08. 1986

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Bled (SLO)

Višina/Height: 180 cm

Teža/Weight: 82 kg

Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 7

Ekipa/Team: Villacher SV

(AUT)

Matični klub/First Team:

Bled

Nekdanji klubi/Formal

clubs: Bled (SLO), Triglav

Kranj (SLO), Acroni Jesen-

ice (SLO)

Klemen Pretnar je branilec z odlično tehniko, svojo hokejsko pot pa je začel na Bledu. Od tam ga je pot vodila v Kranj, v sezoni 2009/10 pa se je prvič preizkusil v ligi EBEL in nato iz leta v leto napredoval. V prejšnji sezoni je okrepil Beljak, kar se je izkazalo za odlično potezo. Trener Hannu Järvenpää mu zaupa, za sabo ima točko najuspešnejšo sezono. Zaradi odličnih predstav je dobil v podpis novo dveletno pogodbo. V tej sezoni je na dobri poti, da še obogati svojo statistiko. Kljub temu, da igra v tujini, ima do doma nekaj več kot pol ure.

He's a defender with excellent technique. His hockey career began in Bled. From there, his path led him to Kranj. He played for the EBEL league for the first time in the 2009/10 season and then progressed from year to year. In the last season, he moved to Villach, which proved to be an excellent move. He is well trusted by Coach Hannu Järvenpää, who has behind him his most successful season to date. Due to excellent performances, Pretnar was invited to sign a new two-year contract, and is well on his way to improving his statistics this season.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		45	2	7	9	16
World Champ.	3	15	1	1	2	0

D #14 Matic PODLIPNIK



Igralno mesto/Position:
Branilec/Defenceman

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
09. 08. 1992

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 180 cm

Teža/Weight: 82 kg

Palica/Sshoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 14

Ekipa/Team: Dukla Jihlava

(CZE)

Matični klub/First Team:

Jesenice (SLO)

Nekdanji klubi/Formal

clubs: Jesenice Mladi

(SLO), Salzburg (AUT),

Pelhrimov (CZE)

Matic Podlipnik predstavlja prihodnost slovenskega hokeja in se počasi prebija med velike fante. Je del generacije, ki je hitro zapustila Slovenijo in se odpravila na kaljenje v tujino. V sezoni 2009/10 je zapustil domače Jesenice in se preselil v Salzburg, kjer je igral še z nekaj sonarodnjaki. V Avstriji je preživel tri sezone. V prejšnji sezoni je našel nov izziv v drugem kakovostnem razredu češkega hokeja. Za Duklavo iz Jihlave igra tudi letos. Na svetovnem prvenstvu leta 2010 je v kategoriji do 18 let imel največ točk med vsemi branilci.

Matic Podlipnik represents the future of Slovenian ice hockey. He is a part of a generation that has quickly left Slovenia and gone abroad to gain experience. In the 2009/10 season, he left his hometown and moved to Salzburg. He spent three seasons in Austria. During the previous season, he found a new challenge in the second level of Czech ice hockey. He also plays for Dukla of Jihlava this season. At the World Championships in 2010, he collected most points among all defenders for the category up to 18 years.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		13	0	0	0	0
World Champ.	-	-	-	-	-	-





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#9 **Tomaž RAZINGAR**, Team Captain
 Vojens, Denmark,
 Qualification Tournament for Olympics (Sochi 2014)
 February 8, 2013, at 23:05

Taken after the game Denmark : Slovenia ...

With winning this game, Team Slovenia for the first time in the history of our independent country, qualified for the Winter Olympic Games.

Foto: Drago Cvetanovič

"Trenutek, ko sem občutil veselje, srečo, ponos in ponos, da sem Slovenec!"
 (Tomaž Razingar)

#9 **Tomaž RAZINGAR**



Igralno mesto/Position:
 Napadalec/Forward

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
 25. 04. 1979

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
 Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 186 cm

Teža/Weight: 98 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 9

Ekipa/Team: Troja-Ljungby (SWE)

Matični klub/First Team:
 Jesenice

Former clubs: Vsetin, Pardubice, Hradec Kralove (CZE), Innsbruck (AUT), Jesenice, Val Pusteria (ITA), Villach (AUT), Ravensburg Towerstars (GER)

Najizkušenejši predstavnik slovenske reprezentance, ki je od leta 2009 tudi njen kapetan, svoje vodilne sposobnosti pa je pokazal že večkrat tako na kot tudi izven ledenih ploskev. V svoji bogati karieri je okusil igranje v številnih prvenstvih, hokejsko se je izobraževal v Kanadi, na Češkem, največ časa pa je preživel v ligi EBEL. V tej sezoni je dodal v svojo kartoteko novo državo, preselil se je na sever Evrope. Ob hokejskih aktivnostih se posveča tudi gostinstvu, na Bledu ima picerijo, za katero pravi, da je najboljša.

Razingar is the most experienced representative of the Slovenian national team. Since 2009, he is also the team's captain. He demonstrated his leadership skills at several occasions both in and outside the ice surface. During his career, he has benefited from playing in numerous championships. He played in Canada and the Czech Republic but spent most of his time in the EBEL league. This season, Razingar added a new country to his record, moving to the north of Europe. Besides playing hockey, Razingar has a pizzeria in Bled, which he claims is 'the best'.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		182	77	60	137	148
World Champ.	13	65	31	24	55	36

F #11 **Anže KOPITAR**



Igralno mesto/Position:
 Napadalec/Forward

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
 24. 08. 1987

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
 Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 193 cm

Teža/Weight: 103 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 11

Ekipa/Team: Los Angeles Kings (NHL)

Matični klub/First Team:
 Jesenice

Nekdanji klubi/Former clubs: Jesenice (SLO), Södertälje (SWE), Mora (SWE)

Anže Kopitar je najbolj prepoznavno ime slovenskega hokeja. Sin slovenskega selektorja se je že v nižjih kategorijah preselil na Švedsko, kjer je v eni sezoni zaigral kar za tri različne starostne kategorije. Talent so prepoznali tudi v ligi NHL, kjer je bil leta 2005 izbran kot 11. s strani Los Angeles Kings. V sezoni 2011/12 je osvojil Stanleyjev pokal in bil najučinkovitejši igralec končnice. Da je Los Angelesov igralec številka ena dokazuje tudi podatek, da od prihoda ni bil le v prvi sezoni najučinkovitejši igralec ekipe. Sodeloval je tudi na dveh tekmah zvezd.

Anže Kopitar is the most recognizable name in Slovenian ice hockey. The son of Slovenian national team Coach, Kopitar soon moved to Sweden, where he played for three different age categories in just one season. His talent has been recognized by the NHL. In 2005, he was selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the first round draft. In the 2011/12 season, he won the Stanley Cup and was named most valuable player in the playoff season. For the past six years, Kopitar was the most valuable player in his team. He also participated in two "all-stars" games.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		43	14	34	48	16
World Champ.	4	22	8	20	28	8

#39 Jan MURŠAK

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
20. 01. 1988

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Maribor (SLO)

Višina/Height: 180 cm

Teža/Weight: 85 kg

Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 39

Team: CSKA Moskva (RUS)

Matični klub/First Team:
Maribor

Nekdanji klubi/Form. clubs:
Maribor, České Budejovice (CZE), Saginaw Spirit, Belleville Bulls (OHL), Olimpija (SLO), Grand Rapids Griffins (AHL), Detroit Red Wings (NHL), Amur Khabarovsk (RUS)

Jan Muršak je drugi predstavnik slovenskega hokeja, ki je zaigral v ligi NHL. Leta 2006 ga je ekipa Detroit Red Wings izbrala na naboru v šestem krogu. V ligi NHL je skupaj zbral 46 nastopov. Odlični drsalec se je v tej sezoni preselil v Rusijo, okreplil je Amur, predzadnji dan leta 2013 pa se je preselil v veliko bolj zvaneči CSKA iz Moskve. Muršak je produkt mariborske hokejske šole, slovenski navijači so lahko v živo uživali v njegovih predstavah v prejšnji sezoni med stavko v ligi EBEL, ko je 30 tekem odigral v dresu Olimpije.

Jan Muršak is another representative of Slovenian ice hockey who played in the NHL. The Detroit Red Wings selected him in 2006, in the sixth round draft. He gathered 46 games playing for the NHL. An excellent skater, he moved to Russia this season, where is strengthening the Amur. On the penultimate day of 2013, he moved to the much better known CSKA Moscow. Muršak is a product of Maribor's hockey school. Slovenian fans enjoyed his performances during a strike in the last season of the EBEL league, when he played 30 matches for Olimpija.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		12	8	5	13	10
World Champ.	1	5	5	2	7	2

#22 Marcel RODMAN

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
25. 09. 1981

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 186 cm

Teža/Weight: 85 kg

Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 22

Ekipo/Team: Schwenninger Wild Wings (GER)

Matični k./1. Team: Jesenice

Nekdanji klubi/Form. clubs:
Peterborough Petes (OHL), Graz (AUT), Krefeld Pinguine (GER), Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Vienna Capitals (AUT), Bietigheim Steelers (GER)

Marcel Rodman je hokejsko pot začel na Jesenicah, že v nižjih kategorijah pa ga je športna pot zanesla onkraj Atlantika, kjer je bil izbran tudi na naboru lige NHL, v kateri pa ni nikoli zaigral. Po vrnitvi v Evropo je štiri sezone odigral za matični klub, sicer pa igral v ligi EBEL in Nemčiji. Lep del dozdajšnje kariere je igral skupaj z bratom Davidom, s katerim delujeta, da bi lahko igrala tudi v miže. Že vrsto let je pomemben del reprezentance, za katero je dosegel že tri mestno število točk. Je preudaren in inteligenten igralec.

Marcel Rodman's hockey career began in Jesenice. While he was in the youngest categories, he already moved to North America. He was selected by the Boston Bruins in the NHL draft, but never played in the NHL. After returning to Europe, he played four seasons for Jesenice but otherwise played in the EBEL league and in Germany. For the better part of his career, Rodman played with his brother David. He is one of the key players on the national team. He has already scored 100 points for Team Slovenia and is a wise and intelligent player.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		143	34	66	100	218
World Champ.	12	67	15	31	46	62

#12 David RODMAN

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
10. 09. 1983

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 185 cm

Teža/Weight: 83 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 12

Ekipo/Team: Oskarshamn (SWE)

Matični klub/First Team:
Jesenice

Nekdanji klubi/Form. clubs:
Val d'Or Foreurs (QMJHL), Linz (AUT), Acroni Jesenice (SLO), Vienna Capitals (AUT), Bietigheim Steelers (GER)

David je dve leti mlajši kot Marcel, s katerim sta skupaj uspešno igrala kar za nekaj klubov. Mlajšega izmed bratov Rodman krasi odlična tehnika, pohvali se lahko z dobrim strelom. Ko je bil mlajši se je prav tako preizkusil tudi v Kanadi, v ligi EBEL je nosil dres matičnega kluba Jesenic, Linza in Dunaja. V prejšnji sezoni je igral v drugi nemški ligi in z Bietigheimom osvojil naslov prvaka. Sedaj igra na severu Evrope v drugi švedski ligi pri Oskarshamnu, za katerega je igral tudi v sezoni 2011/12. V prostem času rad igra tenis in golf.

David is two years younger than Marcel, with whom he successfully played together in a few clubs. The younger of the brothers, Rodman has great technical skills and a good shot. When he was younger, he also played in Canada. In the EBEL League, he played for Jesenice, Linz and Vienna. During his last season, he played in the second German league and won the Championship with Bietigheim. He now plays in Oskarshamn, northern Europe, for which he played in the 2011/12 season. His hobbies are golf and tennis.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		109	27	45	72	175
World Champ.	9	50	8	21	29	56

#24 Rok TIČAR

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward

Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
03. 05. 1989

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)

Višina/Height: 180 cm

Teža/Weight: 82 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 24

Ekipo/Team: Kölner Haie (GER)

Matični klub/First Team:
Jesenice

Nekdanji klubi/Form. clubs:
Jesenice (SLO), Timra (SWE), Krefeld Pinguine (GER)

Hokej mu je bil položen v zibelko, saj ga je igral tudi njegov oče Klemen, ki pa je bil vratar. Rok se je odločil drugače, saj se najbolje znajde v napadu. Pri 18 letih se je za dve sezoni preizkusil na Švedskem, kjer je igral za Timro, nato pa je sledila vrnitev domov, ki pa se je izkazala za odlično potezo. Na Jesenicah je zaigral skupaj z Robertom Saboličem in Žigo Jegličem, napad še danes navdušuje tudi v reprezentanci. Zadnje tri leta igra v Nemčiji. Začel je v Krefeldu, lani pa se je preselil v Köln, s katerim je aktualni nemški podprvak.

Hockey is in his blood, as his father Klemen was a goaltender. But Tičar decided otherwise. He became an attacker and made a great choice. When he was 18 years old, he moved to Sweden for two years, where he played for Timra. He then returned home, which has proven to be an excellent move. In Jesenice, Tičar played together with Robert Sabolič and Žiga Jeglič - this line still delights in the national team. During the last three years, he has been playing in Germany. He started in Krefeld and moved to Köln last year.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		60	22	28	50	20
World Champ.	5	28	16	11	27	14

#8 Žiga JEGLIČ

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
24. 02. 1988
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Kranj (SLO)
Višina/Height: 185 cm
Teža/Weight: 80 kg
Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 8
Ekipo/Team: ERC Ingolstadt (GER)
Matični klub/First Team:
Bled
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Bled (SLO), Jesenice (SLO), Södertälje

Napadalec, ki ima odlične podaje in je inteligenten. Hokejsko je zrasel na Bledu, nato pa odšel na Jesenice, kjer je blestel v napadu skupaj z Rokom Tičarjem in Robertom Saboličem. V sezoni 2011/12 se je prvič preizkusil v tujini, odšel je na Švedsko v Södertälje in tam preživel dve leti. V tej sezoni mu je uspel podvig, okreplil je aktualnega prvaka Finske Ässät, kjer pa ni dobil primerne minuta že, zato je sledil odhod v nemški Ingolstadt. Tam je znova, podobno kot pri Södertälju, združil moči s Saboličem.

A forward with a great pass and an intelligent player. He started his career in Bled, then went to Jesenice, where he played in a line along with Tičar and Sabolič. In the 2011/12 season, Jeglič moved abroad for the first time. He went to Södertälje in Sweden, where hespent two years. This season, he moved to Finland, where he played for Ässät, which is the current national champion. He found that he didn't have the right change to prove himself in Ässät, so he decided to leave. In December, he moved to Ingolstadt, where he again plays together with Sabolič.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		66	18	33	51	36
World Champ.	4	23	5	15	20	16

#55 Robert SABOLIČ

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
18. 09. 1988
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Jesenice (SLO)
Višina/Height: 183 cm
Teža/Weight: 90 kg
Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 55
Ekipo/Team: ERC Ingolstadt (GER)
Matični klub/First Team:
Jesenice
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Jesenice (SLO), Södertälje (SWE), Poprad (SVK)

Hokejsko je odraščal na Jesenicah, kjer mu je pri razvoju nekoliko ponagajala tudi poškodba, saj je zaradi nje izpustil celotno sezono. Borbeni krilni napadalec, ki je odličen v igri na telo in ima močan ter natančen strel. Če je potrebno, se vedno potegne za soigralca. Pri Jesenicah in v reprezentanci je bil del napada, ki ga je sestavljal skupaj z Rokom Tičarjem in Žigo Jegličem. Z zadnjim sta se v sezoni 2011/12 preselila skupaj v Södertälje, letos pa znova igrata skupaj pri nemškem Ingolstadtu. Vmes je Sabolič igral tudi na Slovaškem pri Popradu.

His hockey career started in Jesenice. Injury has slowed his development, which cost him an entire season. The winger likes to play a physical sport and has a strong and accurate shoot. If necessary, he always stands up for his teammate. He played in Jesenice and on the national team, is a part of a line formed together with Tičar and Jeglič. Sabolič played with Jeglič in the 2011/12 season in Södertälje. They are now playing together in Ingolstadt. In the meantime, Sabolič also played for Poprad, Slovakia.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		56	15	21	36	28
World Champ.	3	18	5	6	11	6

#26 Jan URBAS

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
26. 01. 1989
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Ljubljana (SLO)
Višina/Height: 192 cm
Teža/Weight: 98 kg
Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 26
Ekipo/Team: Red Bull München (GER)
Matični klub/First Team:
Olimpija
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Olimpija (SLO), Malmö (SWE), Växjö (SWE)

Hokej je začel igrati pri Olimpiji, vendar pa hitro, še v nižjih selekcijah, odšel po hokejsko znanje na sever Evrope na Švedsko. Pet let je preživel v Malmöju, kjer je začel pri kategoriji do 18 let, nato pa napredoval do članske konkurence. V sezoni 2011/12 je zamenjal klub, prestopil je v ekipo Växjö Lakers, ki igra v najmočnejšem švedskem prvenstvu. Vseeno je bila to sezona za pozabo, saj se je poškodovano in odigral le dve tekmi. V prejšnji sezoni je igral za isti klub, v tej pa zamenjal državo in se preselil v Nemčijo v München.

Urbas started playing ice hockey in Olimpija, but quickly went to northern Europe upgrade his hockey knowledge in Sweden. He spent five years in Malmö, where he started in the up-to-18-years category and was then promoted to the senior category. In the 2011/12 season, he changed clubs and moved to the Växjö Lakers, which plays in the strongest Swedish championship club. In his first season with Växjö, Urbas played only two games due to injury. During his last season, he played for the same club and this season moved to München, Germany.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		35	11	10	21	22
World Champ.	2	12	4	5	9	8

#91 Miha VERLIČ

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
21. 08. 1991
Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Maribor (SLO)
Višina/Height: 194 cm
Teža/Weight: 86 kg
Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left
Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 91
Ekipo/Team: Telemach Olimpija (SLO)
Matični klub/First Team:
Maribor
Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Maribor (SLO), Slezan Opava (CZE)

Miha je še en proizvod mariborske hokejske šole. Pred novinarji je redkobeseden, vendar pa pravi, da raje govori na ledu. In v tej sezoni mu gre zares dobro od rok, je najvidnejši igralec Olimpije. Predstavlja novi val mladih igralcev, ki se počasi uveljavljajo v članski reprezentanci. Tudi sam se je preizkusil v tujini. Dve leti je preživel na Češkem v Slezan Opavi. V sezoni 2011/12 se je vrnil v Slovenijo, okreplil v Olimpijo, pri kateri napreduje iz sezone v sezono. Ima starejšega brata Jureta, ki je vratar in brani v drugi francoski ligi.

Miha is a product of the Maribor ice hockey school. A quiet type of a person, but says that he prefers to speak on the ice. He's doing really well this season and is Olimpija's most prominent player. He represents a new wave of young players who are slowly exercising in the senior national team. He has also been tested abroad, spending two years at Slezan Opava in the Czech Republic. During 2011/12, Verlič returned to Slovenia and strengthened the Olimpija team. He progresses from season to season. His older brother Jure is a goalkeeper who defends the net in the second French league.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		6	0	0	0	0
World Champ.	-	-	-	-	-	-

#71 Boštjan GOLIČIČ

F #19 Žiga PANCE

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
12. 06. 1989

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Kranj (SLO)

Višina/Height: 183 cm

Teža/Weight: 88 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 71

Ekipe/Team: Briancon (FRA)

Matični klub/First Team:
Bled

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Bled (SLO), Calgary Hitmen (WHL), Olimpija (SLO)

Boštjan Goličič je mlajši brat Jurija, ki je bil dolgoletni reprezentant Slovenije, po koncu kariere pa se odločil za poklic pilota. Uspešno pot s slovensko reprezentanco nadaljuje tudi Boštjan, ki je v nižjih kategorijah igrar za Bled, dve leti pa preživel tudi v Kanadi. Po vrnitvi je okrepil Olimpijo in za njo odigral tri sezone. V prejšnji sezoni ga je športna pot znova odpeljala na tuje, preselil se je v francoski Briancon, za katerega igra še danes. V francoskem klubu mu ni dolgčas, saj mu družbo delajo še trije Slovenci.

Boštjan is the younger brother of Jurij. He was a long-time national team member. At the end of his hockey career, Boštjan decided to become a pilot. He continues on a successful path with the Slovenian national team. In the lower age categories, Boštjan played for Bled and afterwards spent two years in Canada. After returning to Slovenia, he strengthened the Olimpija team and played for Ljubljana for three seasons. In the previous season, he moved to the French team Briancon, for which he still plays today. He doesn't get bored in the French club and has the added privilege of three Slovenian teammates.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		56	11	6	17	20
World Champ.	4	23	2	2	4	4

Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
01. 01. 1989

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Ljubljana (SLO)

Višina/Height: 185 cm

Teža/Weight: 89 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 19

Ekipe/Team: HC Bolzano (ITA)

Matični klub/First Team:
Olimpija

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Olimpija (SLO) Oshawa Generals (OHL)

Podobno kot nekateri drugi reprezentančni soigralci ima tudi Žiga brata, ki igra hokej in je mlajši. Žiga je večji del kariere nosil dres Olimpije, ki je njegov matični klub. Na zadnji stopnički pred članskih hokejem je za sezono in pol odšel v Kanado v ligo OHL. Po vrnitvi je pet let in pol nosil dres Olimpije, bil ljubljenec navijačev, postal pa je tudi najmlajši kapetan v njeni zgodovini. Pred to sezono si je zaželel novih izzivov, našel jih je pri italijanskem Bolzanu, ki prvič igra v ligi EBEL.

Similar to some other members of the national team, Žiga also has a (younger) brother who plays ice hockey. For most of his career, Žiga played for Olimpija, which is also his home club. Before he moved to the professional league, he played two years in Canada in the OHL league. After returning, he played five and a half years for Olimpija. He was very popular with the fans and became the youngest captain in Olimpija's history. Before this season, he wished for new challenges and found them in Bolzano, where he is playing in the EBEL league for the first time.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		62	6	6	12	109
World Champ.	5	28	1	2	3	16

#16 Aleš MUŠIČ

F #92 Anže KURALT

F



Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
28. 06. 1982

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Ljubljana (SLO)

Višina/Height: 176 cm

Teža/Weight: 82 kg

Palica/Shoots: Leva/Left

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 16

Ekipe/Team: Telemach Olimpija (SLO)

Matični klub/First Team:
Olimpija

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: -

Je edini hokejist v slovenski reprezentanci, ki je svojo celotno kariero ostal zvest le enemu klubu. Pri Olimpiji je namreč začel hokejsko kariero, za isti klub igra še danes. V zadnjih sezonah je tudi kapetan ekipe. V članski ekipi Olimpije ima za sabo že 14 sezon. Gre za igralca, ki je odlično drsalno podkovan, v reprezentanci pa je koristen predvsem ob igri ob igralcu manj. V poletnih časih obožuje športe na vodi kot sta surfanje in kajtanje. Tekom hokejske kariere je končal tudi Fakulteto za družbene vede.

Mušič is the only national team player who has remained loyal to only one club throughout his entire career. He began his hockey career at Olimpija and continues to play for the same team today. During the last season, he also became the team captain. He's played 14 seasons for Olimpija at the professional level. He is a quick and excellent skater and particularly useful in short handed situations. In summer time, Mušič loves water sports, such as wave and kite surfing. He finished his studies at the Faculty for Social Studies.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		70	9	14	23	34
World Champ.	5	26	1	6	7	6

Igralno mesto/Position:
Napadalec/Forward
Datum rojstva/Birthdate:
31. 10. 1991

Kraj rojstva/Birthplace:
Kranj (SLO)

Višina/Height: 175 cm

Teža/Weight: 80 kg

Palica/Shoots: Desna/Right

Št. dresa/ Jersey No.: 92

Ekipe/Team: Epinal (FRA)

Matični klub/ First Team:
Triglav Kranj

Nekdanji klubi/Formers clubs: Triglav Kranj (SLO), EC Salzburg (AUT), Jesenice (SLO), Herning (DEN)

V Kranju rojeni napadalec je dober v preigravanju, svojo kariero pa je začel pri Triglavu iz Kranja. Čeprav ne sodi med najvišje igralce, pa je na ledu čvrst in se nikomur ne pusti. Po odhodu iz matičnega kluba se je preizkusil v Avstriji pri Salzburgu, po enem letu pa se je vrnil v Slovenijo, odšel je na Jesenice. Prejšnjo sezono je začel pri matičnem klubu, ob koncu pa odšel na Dansko v Herning. V tej sezoni se je preselil v Francijo v Epinal, kjer se je odlično znašel. Ima skoraj dve točki na tekmo. Na eni izmed tekem je nasprotniku dal kar štiri gole.

Anže, who is technically very skilled, began his career in Kranj. Although he isn't the tallest, he is strong on the ice and doesn't let anyone get the better of him. After leaving his junior club, he went to Salzburg, Austria. He returned to Slovenia after one year, and he played for Jesenice. After finishing his junior career, he went to Herning, Denmark. This season, he plays together with Andrej Hočevar at Epinal, France, where he is doing extremely well. He averages almost two points per game and once scored four goals in a single game.

Player stats.	Partic.	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
National Team		17	2	0	2	22
World Champ.	-	-	-	-	-	-

PODATKI O SLOVENSKEM HOKEJU

FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIAN HOCKEY

Člani IIHF od / IIHF Member Since	May 6, 1992
Registriranih igralcev / Total Players	886
Članskih igralcev / Male Players	148
Igralcev v nižjih kategorijah / Junior Players	687
Ženskih igralcev / Female Players	51
Hokejskih dvoran / Indoor Rinks	8
Št. nastopov na SP / IIHF Wch Appearances	21
Moški na IIHF lestvici / Men's World Rankings	17. mesto / 17th place
Dekleta na IIHF lestvici / Women's World Rankings	21. mesto / 21st place
Najvišja zmaga / Biggest win	Slovenija : South Africa 29 : 0
Najvišji poraz / Biggest defeat	Finland : Slovenija 12 : 0

PODATKI O SLOVENIJI

FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA

Uradno ime / Official name	Republika Slovenija / Republic of Slovenia
Glavno mesto / Capital City	Ljubljana
Prebivalstvo / Population	2.055.942
Površina / Area	20,273 km ²
Valuta / Currency	Evro / Euro (EUR)
Državna ureditev / Government	Parlamentarna republika / Parliamentary republic
Predsednik / President	Borut Pahor
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RANKINGS

Leto/Year	Skupina / Group (Div)	Place
1993	C	4.
1994	C	5.
1995	C	7.
1996	C	3.
1997	C	2.
1998	B	2.
1999	B	5.
2000	B	1.
2001	D1	1.
2002	Elitna/Elite division	13.
2003	Elitna/Elite division	15.
2004	D1	1.
2005	Elitna/Elite division	13.
2006	Elitna/Elite division	16.
2007	D1	1.
2008	Elitna/Elite division	15.
2009	D1	2.
2010	D1	1.
2011	Elitna/Elite division	16.
2012.	D1A	1.
2013.	Elitna/Elite division	16.

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Slovenska Hokejska reprezentanca bo prvič v zgodovini Slovenske hokejske zveze nastopila v ne-običajnih barvah dresa, barvah, ki se razlikujejo od onih, katere igralci nosijo na tekmovanjih, v organizaciji Mednarodne hokejske Federacije (rdeča, modra in bela). Nove barve dresa so barve slovenske olimpijske reprezentance in so zelena, modra in bela.

Gre za veliko spremembo, ki je razburila mnoge navijače, a Hokejska zveza Slovenije in reprezentanti, ki bodo nastopili na olimpijskih igrah v Sočiju, želijo s tem, da nosijo uradne barve pokazati, da so del slovenske olimpijske reprezentance.

Poleg tega pa bo s temi barvami slovenska hokejska reprezentanca razlikovala od sicer podobnih dresov drugih reprezentanc. Zaželite nam srečo v novih barvah!

Slovenian Ice Hockey national team will for the first time in the history of Slovenian Ice Hockey Federation, appear in unusual jersey colours, different from the colours that players wear on championships, organised by the International Ice Hockey Federation - which are red, blue and white.

The new hockey jersey colours, are colours of the Slovenian Olympic national team, and are green, blue and white.

It is a drastic change, that has made many fans upset, but the Federation and the ice hockey players, that will compete at the WOnter Olympic Gamec in Sochi wish to be a part of the Olympic team and therefore wear official colours.

With those colours, the Slovenian ice hockey national team will also differ from the other, similar teams, such as Czech or Slovak team. Wish us luck in our new colours!



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