

footballer Oleg
Ivanov is the
fastest man
in Moscow

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What they say about him

'I can only wish Ivanov some luck. My euro 2008 story was not to have a happy ending and it is so sad for me not to be there after all the hard work we have put it.'

Pavel Pogrebnyak

Factfile



- **Oleg Ivanov is a Russian footballer who currently plays as a midfielder for Krylia Sovetov Samara in Russia. Ivanov was selected for the Russian national team provisional squad for Euro 2008.**



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Ivanov will know that no Russian fan welcomed his last minute call-up to this Euro 2008 party as it meant the injury to Pavel Pogrebnyak in a pre-tournament match was





The new man will struggle to plug the hole left by an attacking figure who had done such a fine job for the national side since Guus Hiddink took over as boss, yet this youngster will do his best to snap up his belated chance.

Still only 21, he is a raw talent who has yet to prove he has what it takes to shine at international level.



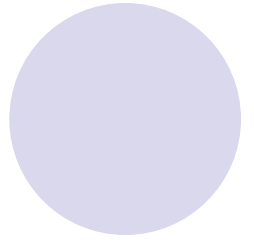
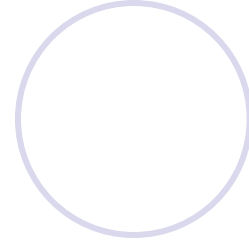
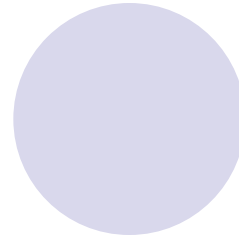
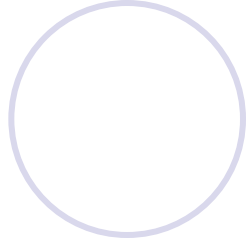
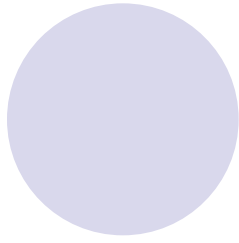
Interview

When did you first pick up a ball?

In my teens, when I studied at school.

When did you make the choice?

When I left school. Eventually, I decided to become a professional footballer and I don't regret.



How long did you practise a lot to improve you skills?

I take part in, the most important matches and my ambition is to be the best.

What is your hobby?

The best patime is computing, I have good equipment.



In conclusion I can say football is an energetic game, but it would be wrong to claim that footballers are energetic all the time. Oleg Ivanov has really impressed me.