

# My sport Idol Vladimir Alekno



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- **Vladimir Romanovich Alekno** ([Russian](#); born in [Polotsk](#) on 4 December 1966) is a former [Russian](#) volleyball player and current volleyball coach. He is the current headcoach of [VC Zenit-Kazan](#) and [Russia men's national volleyball team](#). Vladimir Alekno started his Volleyball career in 1984 in the SKA Minsk team. Alekno coached the national volleyball team in 2007-2008 and 2011-2012. Under his leadership, the Russian players won the gold medal in 2012 and the bronze medal in 2008 in the Summer Olympic Games. As well, they won the World League and the World Cup both in 2011. <sup>[1]</sup>



- After the Russian Championship-2007/08, Vladimir Alekno signed a contract with the club Dynamo-Tatransgaz (now Zenit) and since July 1, 2008 officially combined the positions of the head coach in the Russian national team and the Kazan team [3].
- In the 2008/09 season, Vladimir Alekno led Zenit to victory in the Russian championship and became the first coach to win the national championship with two different clubs. In December 2009, the Kazan team under his leadership won the Cup of Russia, and in 2010-2012 - three national championships in a row. The 2011/12 season was also marked by the victory of Zenit in the Champions League.
- Very successful for Alekno and his team were the seasons-2014/15 and 2015/16, in the course of which Zenit won the original Grand Slam, becoming the winner of the Cup, the championship of Russia and the Champions League.

- For the first time the post of head coach of the Russian men's team Vladimir Alekno took on March 1, 2007, winning the elections organized by the All-Russian Volleyball Federation. He became the youngest of all coaches of the Russian national teams in playing Olympic sports, replacing the famous Serbian specialist Zoran Gaiich [4].
- In the autumn of 2008, after the expiration of the contract with the Russian national team, Alekno did not begin to put forward his application for filling the vacant position of the head coach of the team, and on February 17, 2009 his Italian successor, Daniela Bagnoli, was chosen as his successor on an uncontested basis.
- December 22, 2010 Vladimir Alekno for the second time in his career was selected head coach of the Russian men's team [5]. In 2011, under his leadership, the national team won for the first time in Russian history two tournaments under the auspices of the FIVB - the World League and the World Cup, winning the right to participate in the Olympic Games in London together with the last victory [6]. August 12, 2012 in the final of the Summer Olympic Games in London in a match with the Brazilian team after a score of 0-2 Alekno made extraordinary changes [7] [8], which changed the course of the game and led the Russian team to victory in an incredibly dramatic duel. Russian volleyball players won gold Olympic medals for the first time after the victory of the Soviet team at the 1980 Games.
- December 29, 2012 at a press conference after the final match of the Cup of Russia, Vladimir Alekno announced the decision to leave the post of head coach of the Russian national team for health reasons
- June 30, 2015 after the resignation of Andrei Voronkov Vladimir Alekno announced his readiness to return to the Russian national team [10] and July 17, led it for the third time in his career. At the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, the national team took the 4th place, after which Alekno completed the work with her

