

Dear All...

Here comes a short Summary of the way from Chengde Bandy Winter Classic, with the lead of two world class teams Sandvikens AIK and Baikal Energy, to the first World Championship for Chinese Bandy in Khabarovsk. It is a road from outdoor natural ice on a lake in the Royal Park of Chengde, just 20 miles from Beijing, with a skating tradition for more than 300 years, through a travel of 250 miles in China with, bus, train, flight to the World Championship in Khabarovsk in one of the World most modern indoor Arenas specialized for Bandy. The trip from Chengde Winter Classic 24 January, with a game against Nordic Vikings, 3-6, via Harbin Training Camp, to Khabarovsk and the first training game against Japan, 2-7, the 30 February and the World Championship was done within a week. This giant step for Chinese Bandy has taken most of the Bandy Countries almost 100 years to do.

**Supported by FIB, Sandvik AB, Volvo, Baikal Energy and Irkutskenergo JSC, the first Bandy Games in China was played 24 January in Chengde 2015, after trying in almost 25 years the final brick was made. Bandy Winter Classic of Chengde was created**

In the World Top Level - The Bandy Winter Classic, Baikal Energy won the first ever "Bandy Winter Classic" against Sandviken AIK with 6-5. The two "Super Teams" showed the audience some of their skills. The high quality game took place due to that the natural ice did not manage to show the audience the intended game in full speed. However both the audience as well as the media in Russia, Sweden and China was following the games intensely. In China it was covered by CCTV 5 in China, with full attention..

The First Chinese Team led by Wang Xue Feng and Jan Sjonemark also played their first game and started their route to Khabarovsk and World Championship. The road took them from outdoor natural ice to indoor in a week, a route that it has taken Bandy almost 100 years to go. The New Chinese Bandy Team lost their first game, 3-6, after a nice friendly game against Nordic Vikings, with some real world stars included, as Peter Lagerlöf, Valerij Gratchyov, Hans Johansson, in good style...



The Games were accomplished with the Former Heavy Weight Champion Nicolai Valuev, representing both the Russian Duma as well as the FIB, Federation of international Bandy with Mr. Baryshnikov, Vice-President of RBF and Maxim Kostyrin.. The Baikal Energy was represented by Georhy Kuzmin, Deputy director, Irkutskenergo JSC, Gennady Tolstykh, Irkutskenergo JSC, Victor Zakharov, president of club, General director of Servico Company, Vasily Donskikh, director. Sandviken AIK, by Magnus Andersson Club Director and Holly Wu Sandvik AB, Beatrice Chan SCA APAC, Peter Lagerlöf, Lannebo and Reidar Nordvi, Kambi and Lotteries Globally...

In conjunction with the Bandy Games in Chengde it was held an International Seminar in Sustainability. Here is Holly Wu, Sandvik and Beatrice Chan, SCA APAC, on stage backing up the former Heavy Weight Champion Nicolai Valuev. Peter Lagerlöf gave his opinion about the Sustainable things in Swedish Economy and Companies. Reidar Nordvi, Kambi gave his opinion of how sport-tv-and betting could work together.



### *\*The First Bandy Winter Classic*



**Sandvikens AIK** - 11.Abbe Bodin – Goalie, 25.Martin Falk Goalie, 2.Jocke Bergman, 4.Niklas Gälman, 11.Abbe Bodin, 15.Linus Petersson, 17.Daniel Mossberg, 18.Albin Airisniemi, 20.Daniel Bäck, 22.Dennis Henriksen, 23.Ted Haraldsson, 26.Hannes Edlund, 31.Rasmus Forslund, 39.Linus Forslund, Leaders, Stefan Söderholm, Anders Jakobsson, Christer Berg, Mats Mossberg, Magnus Andersson

**Baikal Energy**, 1.Vadim Bochkaryov, goalkeeper, 5.Alexander Nasonov, 7.Ivan Ushakov, 10.Maxim Pakhomov, 12.Anton Oppenlender, 16.Maxim Blem, captain, 17.Igor Vasserman, 19.Andrey Kovalyov, 24.Timofey Beznosov, 26.Timur Kutupov, 50.Dmitry Loginov, 71.Maxim Shiryayev, 78.Mikhail Krasikov Ledare, Evgeny Erakhtin, Valery Grachyov, Alexander Kolpashnikov, doctor

### *\*First Bandy Game in China...*



**The First China Team from Harbin Sports University....**Zhou Tongzhe -Goalie - 周瞳哲 Hokay, Yin Bin 尹滨 - Goalie – Harbin, Wang Xuefeng 王学峰, Guo Ping郭平, Cao Jian曹健- Jiamusi, Liu Feng刘峰, Liu Wubin刘武彬, Liu Qiang刘强, Qi Yudao戚余韬, Cui Jian崔健, Zou Kai邹凯Wang Zhuowei王卓伟, Bai Huiwen白惠文, Jiang Hao江昊, Zhang Ludau

**Nordic Vikings...** 1.Peter Lagerlöf - Goalie – Lannebo, Linus Axell – Hammarby 2. Hans Johansson, Edsbyn, 13.Valeri Grachyov - Bajkal Energy, 10. Anders Jacobsson – SAIK, 6.Stefan Dino Söderholm – SAIK, 9.Håkan Bertha – Falun, 12.Börje Marcus - Nordic Vikings, 19.Hannes Axell - Hammarby och Nacka, 21. Josef Leppänen – Falun, 24.Evgeny Erakhtin - Bajkal Energi, 44. Alexander Trufanov - Bajkal Energi, 7.Vasily Donskikh - Bajkal Energi, 2.Magnus Andersson – SAIK, 14.Per-Erik Holmström - Nordic Vikings











### The Road from Chengde Bandy Winter Classic to World Championship for the New Chinese National Team starts...

After The Chengde Winter Classic, the New Chinese National Team – started their traveling back to Harbin for further development. Most of the players took the night train back to Harbin but some people flew back. In Harbin started a heavy process to finish the route to Khabarovsk and get all the equipment needed for the World Championship in time...

To make sure that a little bit bigger group of Chinese people could follow the Organization Committee of World Championship had ordered a Bus to take the Chinese Team from Harbin, through the boarder... However just before the departure heavy snowfall closed the boarder and the Chinese Team had to regroup. They took a night train from Harbin to Jiamusi and a short flight from Jiamusi to finally reach Khabarovsk on Friday for the first preparation game in Khabarovsk indoor Jerofej Arena against Japan.



In a very friendly game the Japanese chocked the Chinese team with a 5 to 0 start but after that the Chinese regrouped their defence and levelled the game to 2-2 for the rest of the playing time with the final score of 2-7. Chinese goals made by Johan Chang and Liu Wubin. The game gave the team a good understanding of the importance of the defence strategy, something that the Chinese Players is not world famous to do especially good. However during the Saturday training the coach the former World Best Player Hans Johansson, gave them another lesson when he first put up the teams 11 players defence positions and after that skated to the other goal and picked up a ball...then rounded all 11 players before shooting a brilliant goal...which gave a quite impressive explanation of the importance to help each other in the defence.



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The first World Championship game 1 February was against Mongolia and after an intense game the New Chinese Team lost the game, 2-3 after the two first World Championship goals made for China by Johan Chang. The game was in fact lost in the last minute with a late goal done by the Mongolian. This game was quite open - the Mongolian had a lot of chances to kill the game, but also China had their chances and in the end the difference was mainly due to some technical mistakes done by the new Chinese Team. The Team get a lot of good and positive feedback for the performance against Mongolia and a lot of hearts for the Team and its character's was created.



In the afternoon the Team visited The Russian Super League for Neftanyinik, Khabarovsk, including Swedish players as Joel Othen, Johan Östblom and Anders Spinnars game against Rodina Kirov, with in Sweden well known Sergej Obuchov. The game finished 4-4... The Chinese Team was then ready for the Opening Ceremony in Jerofej Arena, where the Chinese did a "Sven Tumba" performance when Wang Keyao and Daniel Zhang fell two times and topped the skating experience of the Somalian Team... and the Chinese entrance is now world news...

In the evening, the team was invited to KHL Game between Amur and Magnitogorsk, due to that Nordic Vikings and Amur has old connections in the Asia League and that several people from the IIHF Education and Development Centre in Harbin was included in the Team. The super day included, then the first World Championship Game, the Opening Ceremony, and A Game in The Russian Super League in Bandy as well as visiting a game in the Russian KHL of Ice Hockey...



In the second World Championship game against Holland 2 February, the new Chinese team was quickly broken down, but a new goal made by Johan Chang and several chances for the Chinese team leaved the team to just 1-3 down after the first half. In the second the Chinese Great Wall finally cracked down and the final score was 1-9

In the third day the Chinese team had a new heavy Schedule with two games, first against Somalia where the Chinese Team was ready for their first win... Johan Chang started the scoring again and this day it became 3 goals from his side. Also on the scoring list this day two for Liu Wubin and also Cui Jian, Cui Jian. Gin Bin, Daniel Zhang scored their first goals for China in the 9-1 game.



In the Afternoon the Chinese Consul appeared in the Arena before the game against Germany... The meeting with him influenced the Chinese player in a way I have never seen before... With 2.000 people visiting Jerofej for the evening game it became a fantastic atmosphere in the Arena and the Chinese player chased the stronger and more skilled German players with all they had...and after 10 minutes Johan Chang, scored and for some moments the Arena was electric .. However after to many Technical errors the German broke down the Chinese Wall.. And the final score was 1-6, but it was clearly not figures that mirrored the game in my opinion. The Germans was given 3 penalties, and could also rebound on them due to Technical Errors that the Chinese was banned much harder for than the Germans. The Chinese also get two goal taken away and especially one of them was very sad... when Johan Chang scored by starting from the home surface and rounding the whole German Team... also two penalties should have been given by the American referee to the Chinese in this game. 4-2 or 4-3 have mirrored the game this evening because the Chinese performance was clearly above expectations...



In the quarterfinal the Chinese Team was empty already at the starting point and it became just a day to survive to the next game against Mongolia... Many people in the crew was worried before the game against Mongolia, and for sure it was good reasons for that. The history between the Chinese people and the Mongolian has a long tradition. The Mongolian is one of the best but also toughest and hard playing bandy team in the world and the just came from a Quarterfinal where two of their players had get red cards... However Johan Chang again came out with full speed and scored 4 and assisted to one which took the Chinese Team to a 5-3 lead after the first half. In the second a magical shoot gave Mongolian 4-5 and after that Johan Chang, missed one his free rides and in the moment after he was clearly taken out of the game by an Mongolian player, when also Daniel Zhang was taken out of service, but this time more accidental, the Mongolians managed to fight the Chinese down and the final score became 5-7... In the last game against Somalia, all Chinese players stood up for the support of Johan Chang, to win the goal scoring of the Championship and it finally became 7 goals from him, before leaving the game with 15 minutes to go... It was enough to win the goal scoring prize for the whole tournament.

Leading Players, Johan and Daniel Chang - Nordic Vikings, Zhou Tongzhe - Hokay and Liu Wubin, Gao Chunlin - Harbin Sport University



#### To Summarize the Road.

Great work that has been done by Zhang Yuan, Wang Long, Hans Johansson, Per-Erik Holmström, Wang Xue Feng and Jan Sjonemark in the lead of the team to find a way to compete with this mixed team in a way that should not embarrass China. It has not been an easy task. Janne Sjonemark and Per-Erik Holmström have given their best to pick a team that could compete when the schedule made it impossible for young Hokay Team to participate due to the Universidad in Spain. This meant that the only way to build a team was to manly use some Ice Hockey veterans and legends the first time. With a little bit of a lazy attitude in the beginning Hans Johansson get very little time to put out the broad picture and work with the team, due to that and the technical and physical limitations it has been done a fantastic work to quick find the winning strategy together with the Team. The two young players with Swedish connections become therefore extremely important. Johan Chang, scoring 17 goals in the tournament and one before it. If you also include the assists, he had made more than 30 points, and around 4 points per game. 15 years old Daniel Yunfan Zhang, has from time to time been captain, the youngest captain and player in the Tournament, but he has also carried the team with his skating in the defence... Around this player the Hokay goalie Zhou Tongzhe has played magnificent, and took the FIB prize for best player in the quarterfinal. We have also seen former Chinese Ice Hockey Legends, Liu Feng and Gao Chunlin, from the golden Chinese Ice Hockey generation in the early 90ties giving all their experience to the team. Lui Wibun has assisted Johan Chang in the front and has scored 6 goals, but without loyal players in the new Chinese Wall, as Liu Qiang, Yi Qutai, Ciao Jian, Zhang Lijun, Gao Ping, Huang Fulong, Yin Bin we have not been able to deliver the sport quality enough and that has impressed also to me. Young Harbin Sports University students as Bai Huwen, Jiang Hao, Zhang Zhouwei has also done their first performance, after some games outside the rooster.



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for their support on the tour from Chengde to Khabarovsk...with the hope that Bandy will reach Olympics 2022



***China National Bandy Team at the end of the road from Chengde Bandy Winter Classic to World Championship in Khabarovsk 2015 with support from Volvo***



### **Some Media**

Video from Chengde

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpbWxvh44rY> , <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrkiCxxn5Yg>,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsU-JjQBZlg>, CCTV 5 – Sunday 25 January

Photos: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.630821013729929.1073741831.100004061088606&type=1>

DN Torbjörn Pettersson from Bandy Winter Classic, Gefle Dagblad

Video World Championship:

The Chinese games could be seen on You Tube, Swedish TV 4, Print in Aftonbladet, Expressen, DN Russian and Chinese Media in Khabarovsk, Moscow, Irkutsk, Chengde, Beijing, Harbin, Jiamusi that we could not get the full coverage of.



## **Johan Chang Top scorer of World Championship with 17 goals:**

**These several matches are the first in my life**

05.02.2015 16:55



**Johan Chang, the forward of team China commented on the match for the penultimate place in Group B and told about his plans.**

- I've got pleasure of the game. The players of my team wanted me to score as many goals as possible. I succeeded in it and I'm glad. It would be great if I could become the best bombardier of the team. I can't say Somalia is a weak team. It's just 18 months since they saw ice for the first time. And with every game they are better and better and take any chance to improve. This Championship is the first one for the best bombardier of team China.

- I don't have any special plans. I just want to enjoy the game. It's my aim. If you see the points, it was my best game. These matches are the first in my life. I have never played bandy before.



Thanks to the Championship we have got the extremely valuable experience, said Zhou Tongzhe

05.02.2015 11:43



**Zhou Tongzhe, the goal keeper of team China commented on the last match for the 7th place in Group B against Mongolia.**

- The point is that in the first half we all were focused and concentrated, and in the second half we relaxed a bit. I did all I could. Thanks to this Championship we have got extremely valuable experience that is difficult to value. I'm absolutely sure we'll play better and better. Today at 2 pm the team will play the match for the 8th place. Tomorrow the team is flying back home in the afternoon.



# The newcomers of the Championship won team Somalia

03.02.2015 11:10



**The debutants of Bandy World Championship won team Somalia with confidence 8 to 1.**

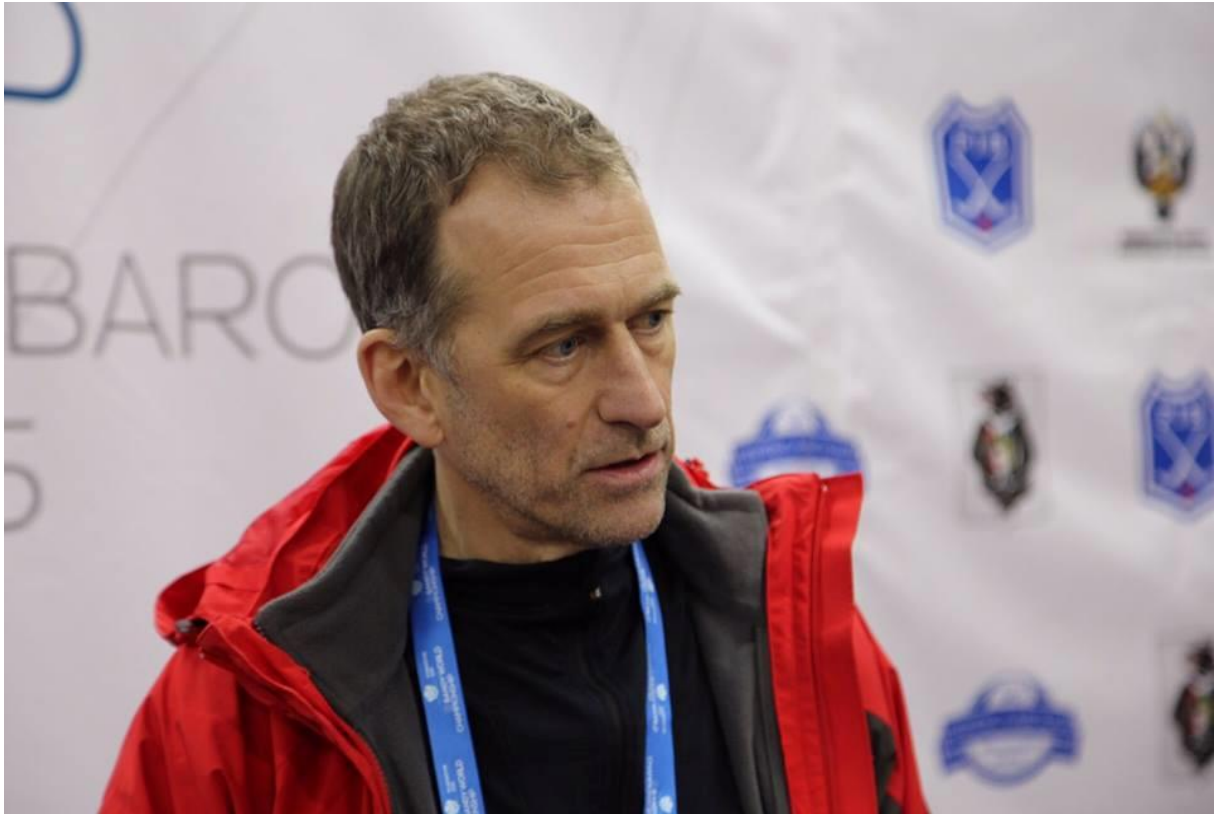
Johan Chang started the score at the 5th minute of the game. In 5 minutes Liu Wubin doubled the score by a precise stroke. Team Somalia was not able to score a penalty, in return Chinese players scored four more goals. The teams went to break with the score 6 to 0 for the debutants of the Championship.

In the second half the Head Coach of team China decided to let out older players onto the ice. Young Somali players were inspired and Khabarovsk supporters for Somalia at last saw a goal done by their favourite team. Hared Anwar distinguished himself. However, team China scored two more goals after that. A little whipping happened next to Somali gate at the end of the game. The referees were able to pull the fighters apart.



# It was our first serious game - Hans Johansson

01.02.2015 11:36



**The Head Coach of team of China commented on the game of his players against team of Mongolia and underlined that his team is happy with the result**

Our first game was against team of Japan, it was a friendly match. Today we've had a serious game and we are happy with the result, we've got some new experience. Our players are not professionals but they get into the game very fast and learn everything at once. At the end of the game we took time-out not to score but to get some rest and focus more on the game. Cao Gang who got injured is one of the best players and the accident is a big loss for the team.

We remind you that Bandy World Championship-2015 was opened by the match between teams of Mongolia and China. The game was over with the score 3 to 2 for Mongolia

# National team of China none the less will come to Khabarovsk

24.12.2014 12:52



**Federation of International bandy (FIB) have officially confirmed participation of China national team in XXXV Bandy world championship. Most of team players will represent Harbin Sport University.**

National team coach will be 4 time world champion from Sweden - Hans Johansson, who was famous «Vesteros» team player, in a season 1997/1998 and who used to wear Krasnoyarsk «Enisey» team uniform.

Let us recall, that group «B» matches, will be held - from 1 till 6 of February 2015.