**TRAMPOILINE GYMNASTICS**

Trampoline Gymnastics as a type of sport in Georgia started to practice in 70-ties, and the first establishment was founded in sports’ club ,,Labor reserves,, by the honored Georgian trampoline coach Mr. Tengiz Khudoev and Mr. Otar Kakiashvili, who was the first Head coach of Georgian Trampoline team, and also a Professor at the ,,The Institute of Physical Culture and Sports ,,

In 1969 took place the first Georgian Championship in Trampoline gymnastics, and this beautiful type of sport , also was successfully developing in the regions of Georgia, as well: in Kutaisi, under the leadership of Edgar Kalandaze , in Batumi (ADJARA) under the leadership of Nikoloz Avetisov, later on replaced by Valentina Razumovskaya, also in Sokhumi (ABKHZAIA) under the leadership of Nikoloz Pagonia and Amiran Zupkhaia, and, in Rustavi under the leadership of Rezo Tvaladze.

In 1978-1980 years, came first success to Georgian Trampoline team: Patima Pirinishvili, Sergo Markarian ( The First International Master of Sports), Nugzar Baratashvili (Kalinin), Evripid Galchev (Galtcidis), and Pemistokol Diamantidis; whose coaches at that time were: Tengiz Khudoev and Samvel Andriakhian. This athletes were members of USSR National Youth team, and were medalist of USSR Chapionships. Sego Markarian participated as a Senior at the 1979 European Championship and took the 6th place, and the first great success came to the Juniors in 1980 when Patima Piranishvili took 2nd place in Synchronized Jumping and Nugzar Baratashvili (Kalinini) was finalist of Youth European Championship in 1978, also in Synchronized Jumping.

In 1981-1984 in Georgian Trampoline team was taking place a generational shift. The team was completed by great new generation of athletes: Rusuadan Khoperia, Ana Dogonadze, Zakaria Abramishvili, Lia Bendiashvili ( all of them became: International Masters of Sports) , and,

Mikheil Pilivanovi , Zaal Khizanishvili, Giorgi Gagua, Remik Poloziani were team members of USSR national team. Also, alongside with them were, women : Irma Tandilashvili, Nino Shermadini,Ina Tsiklauri, Inga Menteshashvili, Larisa Tvauri, Khatuna Tskhovrebova, Svetlana Gulaeva, Lela Gigineishvili, Nino Arganashvili, Irina Mikhailova, Tamar Susuniashvili, Khatuna Bendianishvili, and, men: Zurab Kiknadze, Igor Cherniavski, Mikheil Nikolaishvili, Aram Saakiani,

Akaki Gabashvili, Revaz Kharatishvili, Temur Mumladze, Kakhaber Kvlividze, Merab Supatashvili,

all of them they successfully defended the dignity of our country as well as at the USSR arena and at the International levels as well.

Since 1984, all this sportsmen, under the leadership of Superior Olympic School Deputy Director

Mr. Tomzir Tsomaia ( National category judge in Trampoline, and , also Honored coach) were trained at the above mentioned school, under the supervision of great coaches: Tengiz Khudov, Zaur Sulashvili, and Evripid Galtcidis.

At beginning of 1987 Mr.Zaur Sulashvili has been appointed as The Head Coach of Georgian National Trampoline Team, and still leads the case.

In 1988, 15-year-old Rusuda Khoperia achieved a colossal achievements at the World CUP Championship in USA. She won in three disciplines (individual, team and synchronous), she was the first in the world , whose at the age of 15 became the World Champion. Later on in 1990 World Champions became : Ana Dogonadze and Zakharia Abramashvili. In total , at the World Cup, were obtained 5 medals ( 5 Gold, 1 Silver). And at the European Championship were obtained : 6 Gold,

7 Silver and 1 Bronze medal, in total: 14 medals. The results of this three-sport athlete, are so powerful one that they should be mentioned separately. Also, we must mention the success of Lia Bendianishvili at the Youth European Championships, were she took 3 Gold medals. The sad thing is that Trampoline was accepted into the Olympic family just at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

This great generation had a worthy change as well as at the national team level also at the youth team, who were Tbilisi Sports department’ sport school members. (\*Director: Mrs. Roza berikashvili).

In 2001 , at the World Youth Championships, in individual competitions, the 2nd place took :

Sopo Guliashvili (17-18 years), Luba Golovina (11-12 years) , and Tengiz Koshkadze took the 4th place, with him at the Final participated Nana Jmukhadze , but unfortunately she had not taken any medals. In 2004 , at the World Youth Championships, in individual competitions, Luba Golovina took 2nd place, and Tengiz Koshkadze participated at the Finals.

In 2005 , at the World Youth Championships, in individual competitions, Luba Golovina had a great succsess and became World Champion (15-16 years). Also, with her at the finals participated Nana Jugashvili, but unfortunately she could not get any medals. In 2006 , at the European Youth Championships Luba Golovina took the 1st place and also helped Georgian national Youth Trampoline team to take 3rd place: Luba Golovina, Nana Gutchashvili, Tamar Kakashvili., what was a great success. In 2006 and 2007 Georgian duet : Tengiz Koshkadze and Zurab Tchkonia were twice at the World Cup finals, in Synchronize jumping.

In 2007, for the first time, Luba Golovina participated at the World Cup as a Senior sportsman and took 5th place, and at the World Championships she obtained an Olympic License for the Beijing Olympics, where she took the 6th place.

Luba Golovina and Tengiz Koshkadze have been successfully participating at the World Cup series and were many times finalists. In 2011, in Canada , at the International tournament (,,STARS CUP,,) they also had success and Luba Golovina took the 3rd place and Tengiz Koshkadze took the 2nd place. Also, in 2011 , Luba Golovina obtained London Olympic games license and was a finalist at the European Championship.

Also, has to be mentioned, 2009, 2010 and 2011 World Youth Championships, were Georgian sportsmen took medals. In 2009, Ana Odishvili took the 3rd place, and Teona Janjgava and

Nana Gogashvili participated at the Finals. In 2010, Ana Odishvili at the World Youth Championship became World Champion at her age category. At the Finals she overcame a strong Russian participant just by one point and took the 1st place. She , also, was at the Finals with her team mate Teona Janjgava in Synchronize jumping. And, Tamar Kakashvili participated at the 17-18 years’ finals.

At the 2011 Youth World Championship (17-18 years) among young women, participated our gymnasts’ Tamar Kakashvili and Nana Gogashvili couple. They took 2nd place and lost only a little to Belarus pair. Also, showed himself in the men’s competition Zurab Nozadze, among his peers in the (13-14 y) Finals he took 6th place, which was a success .

In the World Youth Championships Georgian representatives have won 2 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze. A total of 6 medals. In the European Youth Championships : 14 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze medals in total 21. A total of 27 medals in European and world youth championships.

Together with the above mentioned sportsmen of Georgia, also, succeeded in many international tournaments Youth Team members: George Putkaradze, Dmitry Zutikov, Rustam Kaloev, Temur Songulashvili, Lasha Gabashvili. Girls are also promising: Christine Sordia, Tina and Nato Chaduneli, Mary and Natia Mtsituri, Nutsa Chkuaseli, as well as a young lad : George Avlokhashvili.

This young generation has developed and managed by coaches: Valentina Klimova (died 2007), Valerie Chkhaberidze, K. Gulisashvili, Vladimir Golovin, Lia khrikuli, Revaz Gamkhoshvili, Zurab Kiknadze, Garik Gasparians, Nino Arghanashvils, Shalva Kaloev, Irma Sologashvili and Head coach : Zaur Sulashvili.

All these young athletes are training at the Tbilisi City Hall Olympic Gymnastics Sports School named after Giorgi Egnatashvili, where came a new management under the leadership of Mr. Mikheil Chanturia.

From 2011, new management with a new philosophy structure and a whole new approach to managing , came to the United Georgian Gymnastics Federation as well, under the leadership of the President : Mr. Merab Chikobava

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