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The Central Lenin Stadium during the 1980 Summer Olympics. **Vladimir Rodionov**

The Central Lenin Stadium opened in Moscow 57 years ago today, on July 31, 1956. The stadium — now known as the Luzhniki Stadium — has already hosted a number of international events and in August is set to host the 2013 IAAF World Championship in Athletics.

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