

Russian Water Polo Player Dies Suddenly at Training Camp

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A player for the Russian national water polo team has died of an apparent heart attack while in the pool.

Vladislav Timakov, 22, was in Bulgaria for pre-season training with his club Sintez Kazan when he "died suddenly" Sunday, said the Russian Water Polo Federation.

Timakov was swimming during a training session when he began to drown, his teammate Ivan Nagayev told Russian agency Ves Sport. Players hauled Timakov out of the water and a doctor provided first aid, but Timakov died on the way to hospital, Nagayev said, adding that he believed Timakov had suffered a heart attack.

Timakov, who played as a center, represented Russia at the world championships in Kazan in July, scoring one goal in three games as Russia missed out on the medals.

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