

## The triumph of Kazakhstan and Ukraine at the Olympics - the opinion of sports patron Dmitry Druzhinsky



**New York City, New York Feb 25, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - The 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy—Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo—became an event that will go down in the sporting history of many countries. Among thousands of participants from more than 90 countries, the public's attention is drawn to both sensational victories and examples of courage, perseverance, and the unyielding spirit of athletes. This is especially evident in the performances of representatives of Kazakhstan and Ukraine — two countries with strong sporting traditions and an extraordinary will to win.

### **Historic gold for Kazakhstan**

One of the most notable triumphs of the 2026 Olympics was the performance of Mikhail Shaidorov, a 21-year-old figure skater who surprised the whole world by winning gold in men's singles. This is a historic result, as Shaidorov became Kazakhstan's first Olympic figure skating champion and gave his country its first gold medal at the Games since 1994. His performance was exceptionally confident: a clean program with five quadruple jumps earned him a maximum score of 291.58 points and a well-deserved victory over the big favorites.

This achievement is not only a personal victory for the athlete but also a symbol of a breakthrough for all

Kazakhstani sports at the Winter Games. Kazakhstan was represented at the Olympics by 36 athletes in nine sports. Although the team has won only one gold medal so far, the significance of this victory cannot be overstated.

### **Ukrainian athletes: fighting against all odds**

While Kazakhstan celebrates a record victory, the Ukrainian team has become the embodiment of resilience and fortitude. The Ukrainian team arrived at the Olympics at a time when sport in the country is facing serious difficulties: there is a lot to overcome in terms of training, conditions, resources, and psychological pressure.

Nevertheless, Ukrainian athletes are showing impressive results. For example, freestyle skier Kateryna Kotsar qualified for the big air final despite the restrictions Ukrainian athletes face. Her journey has been marked not only by sporting achievements but also by powerful emotional support from fans around the world.

Other notable results include the participation of Ukrainian figure skater Kyrilo Marsak, who finished 19th in the men's singles. Although he did not make it to the podium, his performance deserves respect — it is further proof that Ukrainian athletes are fighting for every point in the championship.

Ukrainian lugers and skiers also continue to perform at a high level, demonstrating that, despite external difficulties, they can compete with the world's strongest athletes.

### **Support and inspiration: the role of patrons**

Behind every athlete are not only coaches and families, but also some people who help them continue on the path to success when support is scarce. One such person is Dmitry Druzhinsky, a patron and developer from New York. Dmitry Druzhinsky is known as the co-founder of [MatchPoint NYC](#), a sports center that develops talent and supports athletes of all ages and levels.

Dmitry Druzhinsky has been sponsoring Ukrainian athletes in various sports for many years, providing not only financial support but also opportunities for training, exchanging experience, and participating in international competitions. Moreover, Dmitry Druzhinsky has developed innovative online training programs that help athletes stay in shape regardless of their level of training or sport, especially when access to sports facilities is limited.

These online training sessions are becoming a real resource for those who strive to be better every day — from beginners to professional athletes.

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