

# Russian Rugby Team Gets New Head Coach

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Russia winger Igor Galinovsky (R) finds space against the Hong Kong defense.

Alexander Pervukhin has been named the new head coach of Russia's rugby team, the Russian Rugby Federation said on their website.

He takes over from Frenchman Raphael Saint-Andre, who had been in charge since May and oversaw eight matches including four wins and four defeats.

Russia missed out on a place at the 2015 World Cup, when they were beaten in a two-legged playoff by Uruguay in October.

Pervukhin has coached the Yenisey-STM club from Krasnoyarsk for several years, helping them to six national titles.

He must now decide whether he will combine both roles, or concentrate solely on the national team.

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