

## DAVIT MANOYAN'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW FOR ARMENIAN-SOCCER.COM

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*Armenian Soccer: In the current Euro12 qualification campaign the Armenian side expectations were high. What are the reasons for another poor start?*

David Manoyan: I would say that only the results are unsuccessful, not the team's performance. Let us not forget that we played our first game against a very strong team and the good performance against such a team is already a good precondition for further progress. The game against FYROM was just a failure. It happens sometimes in football.

*AS: How do you estimate your own performance in those games?*

DM: I have not demonstrated everything I am capable of. I played just a few minutes against Ireland that is why it is hard to comment on my performance in that game. The first half against FYROM was not so successful for me. During the second half, though, I felt confidence and played my game.

*AS: In October the National Team will be playing two very important games against Slovakia and Andorra. How are you preparing for these games?*

DM: It is difficult to get ready for such games when playing in domestic championship, but I am doing everything to be in my best condition for these games. It is very good that we play FC Mika on October 2.

*AS: Can you comment on our National Team chances in the current Euro12 qualification? For what position our squad is capable to compete?*

DM: I am not sure about the exact position. We have not set goals like this for ourselves. We just try to gain 3 points in each game. However, we are capable to compete for the highest positions.

*AS: You have already become one of FC Pyunik leaders as well as the National Team's starting line-up player. Do you feel it is time to think over a move to a stronger championship to insure further progress as a player?*

DM: Yes, I think it is time. I am going to see what happens.

*AS: In that connection, what are your preferable championship and club?*

DM: To be honest, I can point out neither a championship nor a club, even roughly.

*AS: Which non-Armenian coach's working style do you like the most?*

DM: Arsene Wenger. His young squad's performance is always spectacular and effective.

*AS: Do you have an agent? If no, who represents your interests?*

DM: Yes, I do have an agent.

*AS: When does your contract with FC Pyunik end? Do you think you can continue playing on another Armenian team?*

DM: In 2012. I do not think so.

*AS: Which Armenian club's playing style do you like?*

DM: Only that of FC Pyunik!

*AS: This season FC Pyunik is competing for the title with FC Banants and FC Ulisses. Is it because the other two teams have grown stronger or your team has lost some of its power?*

DM: Both teams have grown stronger, but Pyunik has not lost its power either. We have just not performed well in few games and lost the leading position.

*AS: What should be done to attract more spectators to our championship games?*

DM: The solution can be found by watching this season's Pyunik - Banants games. Teams must play better and faster and demonstrate a spectacular football. All the other teams must play this way. It is very important to have necessary financial support for other clubs, too. Without it you cannot build up a successful club.

*AS: How does FC Pyunik organize the training process? How do you spend your spare time?*

DM: We train 7 days a week. We get just a little spare time. When free I just go see my friends, try to rest and relax or just stay at home and find something to do.

*AS: Who do you think will be the main favorite of FIFA Club World Cup in UAE and why?*

DM: Inter Milan. European clubs are always the favorites of these tournaments.

*AS: Do you use the Internet?*

DM: Yes.

*AS: What kind of music do you like?*

DM: Various. Mainly I listen to black music. I like Rock and R&B, sometimes some classical music as well.

*AS: Why did you decide to become a footballer?*

DM: It was not my decision. It is hard to decide something when you are 5 years old. My father brought me to a football school. Then I just loved it and could not live without football.

*AS: What languages do you speak?*

DM: Armenian, Russian and English. Now I also study Spanish.

*AS: Which one of your goals is the most memorable? And the most important?*

DM: Perhaps the one I scored in Estonia when the game was going 1-1. The most important was the one I scored in the National Cup Final game against Banants when the score was 0-0.