Iran's Sina Sanat Win Greco-Roman World Wrestling Club Cup

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TEHRAN (Tasnim) - **Sina Sanat Izeh of Iran claimed the title of the Greco-Roman World Wrestling Club Cup.**

The Iranian team defeated İstanbul Buyuksehir of Turkey 5-3 in the competition's final match.

In the third-place match, Iran's Bimeh Razi defeated Hungary 6-2.

The competition took place in Budapest, Hungary.

Last week, Bimeh Razi became runner-up at the Freestyle World Wrestling Clubs Cup in Kharkif, Ukraine.

The Iranian team lost to Titan Mercury of USA 4-3 in the final match in Kharkif, Ukraine.

World Wrestling Clubs Cup is an international wrestling competition among teams representing member nations of the United World Wrestling (UWW), the sport's global governing body.

The tournament was founded in 2014 at the suggestion of the Islamic Republic of Iran Wrestling Federation, with the first edition held in Iran.

French Player Claims Iran Squash Games Title

French squash player Auguste Dussourd (center-top) poses with his gold medal and diploma at the end of the first edition of the International Navy Martyrs Memorial Squash Tournament in Tehran

TEHRAN (Press TV) - **Young French squash player Auguste Dussourd has delivered commendable performances at the first edition of the International Navy Martyrs Memorial Squash Tournament in Iran and been named the greatest athlete of the event.**

According to a report published on the Islamic Republic of Iran Squash Federation website on Friday, the 20-year-old Dussourd stood at the top position with the highest number of points tallied.

Tayyab Aslam from Pakistan claimed the second spot behind the French sportsman.

Junior Iranian squash player Sajjad Zare'ian and Pakistan's Ahsan Ayaz shared the third spot.

The first edition of the International Navy Martyrs Memorial Squash Tournament started in Tehran, Iran, on December 3, and wrapped up on December 9, 2016.

The sports event brought together more than 100 squash players from a dozen countries, including Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Iran, Pakistan, and Qatar.

Pakistan Crush Cricket Australia XI By 210 Runs

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - **Opener Azhar Ali hit an unbeaten 82 and spinner Mohammad Nawaz took three wickets as Pakistan thrashed a modest Cricket Australia XI by 210 runs in Cairns on Saturday.**

The tourists declared their second innings at 216 for six and then polished off the CA XI for 109 off 27.3 overs to win early on the final day of their three-day day-night game ahead of next week's first Test against Australia in Brisbane.

Pakistan set the CA XI a target of 311 runs but the inexperienced home side never got within range with left-arm spinner Nawaz snaring three for 31 and pacemen Mohammad Amir and Rahat Ali each capturing two wickets.

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Ali added 38 to his overnight score and struck three of his seven fours and two sixes on the final day before the Pakistan declaration to set up the result.

Nawaz was unbeaten alongside Ali on 36 off 47 balls, with Sarfraz Ahmed the only man to be dismissed on Saturday, bowled for 39.

Pakistan are coming off a two-Test series defeat in New Zealand and have lost their last nine Tests in Australia going back to 1999.

Scores:

Pakistan 208 (Y. Khan 54, S. Ahmed 39; C. Valente 4-36, M.Steketee 3-47) and 216-5 declared (A. Ali 82 not out, M. Nawaz 36 not out; R. Lees 2-28) beat CA XI 114 (J Winter 39; M. Amir 3-15, R. Ali 3-26, W. Riaz 3-28) and 109 (A. Nair 42; M. Nawaz 3-31) by 210 runs.

Atletico's New Stadium Sponsored By Chinese Firm

Atletico also unveiled a modified badge which will be on their shirts next season

MADRID (Indian Express) - **Atletico Madrid's new stadium will be sponsored by Chinese property company Dalian Wanda Group and will be called the Wanda Metropolitano stadium, club president Enrique Cerezo said.**

Atletico will move from the Vicente Calderon, their home for the last 50 years, to the new 67,000 capacity ground located to the north east of the Spanish capital in August, 2017.

Wanda has had ties with Atletico since January 2015 when it acquired 20 percent of the club's shares and began sponsoring the training ground.

"I am honoured to say we have reached an agreement with Wanda to name our new stadium. They are the best partners on our journey to keep working for a better future," Cerezo told a news conference.

The new ground's name is also a reference to the club's first real stadium, the Metropolitano, where they played their first La Liga games and called home until moving to the Vicente Calderon in the south of the city in 1966.

Luis Suarez, Lionel Messi Strike Against Osasuna

Barcelona's Uruguayan forward Luis Suarez scores during the Spanish league football match CA Osasuna vs FC Barcelona at the Reyno de Navarra (El Sadar) stadium in Pamplona

MADRID (Euro Sport) – **Osasuna 0 Barcelona 3 (Suarez 59', Messi 72', 90')**

Lionel Messi went to the top of the Pichichi standings with a double as Barcelona broke down a stubborn Osasuna side to close the gap on Real Madrid at the top of La Liga.

Luis Enrique's team dominated throughout and should have been out of sight by half-time, with Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez both passing up golden opportunities in front of goal as bottom side Osasuna held on for dear life.

But the Uruguayan finally found the breakthrough after the hour mark, tapping home from close range after good work by Jordi Alba, Sergio Busquets and Messi.

Messi doubled Barcelona's advantage in similar fashion, turning home Alba's cross from close range to secure the points for the visitors, adding a third in stoppage time. The gap at the top of La Liga now stands at three points, with Real Madrid playing Deportivo La Coruna later this evening.

Russian Swimmers Win 11 Sets of Medals at FINA World Swimming Championships

MOSCOW (TASS) - **The Russian team won two gold's and two silvers on the fourth day of the FINA World Swimming Championships in Canada's Windsor (25 m). Russian swimmers have for the first time won 11 sets of medals in total at the World Swimming Championships (25 m).**

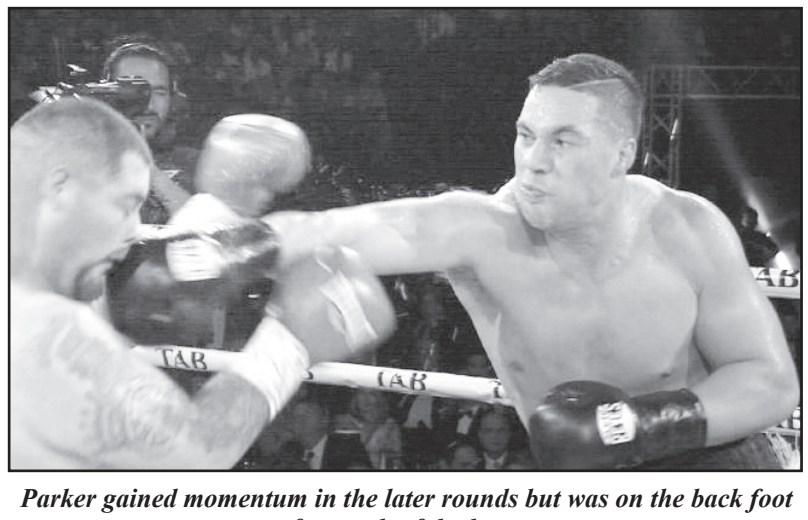
After the fourth day of competitions, Russian swimmers already hold 11 sets of medals — four gold's, five silvers and two bronzes. The last record of the Russian team at the world championships (25 m) was 10 sets of medals (4-4-2) in Dubai in 2010.

The Russian team (Alexey Bryansky, Nikita Lobintsev, Alexander Popkov, Vladimir Morozov) won gold in men's 4 x 50 meters freestyle relay on the fourth day of the championship. Swimmer Veronika Popova also won silver in women's 400 meters freestyle. Morozov also won silver in men's 50 meters freestyle. Mikhail Dovgalyuk, Mikhail Vekovischev, Artyom Lobuzov and Alexander Krasnykh won gold in men's 4 x 200 meters freestyle relay.

Parker Becomes NZ's First World Heavyweight Champ

WELLINGTON (Fox Sports) - **KIWI boxer Joseph Parker is the new heavyweight champion of the world after edging Andy Ruiz Jr by majority decision in Auckland.**

The fight for the WBO belt went down to the most slender of margins on Saturday night, with Parker earning a 115-113 victory from two judges and a 114-114 draw from the third. Parker, 24, started the fight slowly but grew into the contest, dominating the closing rounds as his stocky opponent began to tire.And his superior fitness and punching power told in the end, making him the first Kiwi to be crowned heavyweight world champion.



Parker gained momentum in the later rounds but was on the back foot for much of the bout.

FIFA Considering Penalties for World Cup Group-Stage Draws

ZURICH (Euro Sport) - **FIFA are considering a proposal to finish any World Cup group-stage draw with a penalty shoot-out from 2026, when the tournament may expand to 48 teams.**

The proposed format for World Cups from 2026 onwards would create 16 groups of three teams each.

New FIFA president Gianni Infantino wants the top two in each of the 16 groups to progress to the knockout stage - but that could create a situation where both teams could play for a draw in their final group match, securing themselves a place in the next stage at the expense of the other.

A report in the Times says the suggestion for a penalty shoot-out in the event of a draw is one potential solution to that particular problem, ensuring a definitive result in every match.

The FIFA council meets in January to discuss the plans for a 48-team tournament.