

Iran's Taekwondokas Nominated as Best 2017 Athletes

TEHRAN (Fars) - The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) has named two Iranian athletes Nasibe Shahbazi and Sajjad Pirayqarchaman as nominees for the 2017 best deaf player.

"ICSD has listed names of 11 male and 15 female world athletes among whom are an Iranian taekwondoka and a discus thrower," Iran Deaf Sports Federation announced. Iranian taekwondo fighter



Nasibe Shahbazi

Shahbazi snatched a gold medal in 2017 Summer Deaflympics which was held on July 18-30 in Samsun, Turkey.

In discus throw field, Pirayqarchaman also received a gold medal.

The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) is the main governing body responsible for the organization of Deaflympics and other World Deaf Championships.

Edmund Into Paris Masters Second Round



Kyle Edmund reached his third ATP semi-final of the year in Vienna last weekend

PARIS (Dispatches) - British number three Kyle Edmund has saved a match point as he fought back to beat Evgeny Donskoy in three sets to reach the second round of the Paris Masters.

The 22-year-old defeated his Russian opponent 5-7 7-6 (9-7) 6-3 to set up a meeting with Jack

Sock on Wednesday. Edmund was 7-6 down in the second-set tie-break, but saved match point on his serve before taking the set and clinching victory in the third.

The world number 50 has reached three ATP semi-finals this year.

Morata Ready to Commit Long-Term Future to Chelsea

LONDON (Dispatches) - Striker Alvaro Morata is happy at Chelsea and would be willing to sign a 10-year contract with the Premier League champions, the Spaniard has said.

Media reports quoted Morata telling Italy's La Gazzetta dello Sport that he was unsettled at Chelsea as he found London to be "stressful".

"In the interview I wanted to say in the future, when I finish my career, I probably won't live in London, but right now I'm very happy there with my wife," Morata told reporters.

"It's an incredible city with many religions and many different kinds of people, I'm really enjoying London... If Chelsea had proposed a 10-year contract I would have signed it. I'm very happy at this

club... "If I'm good and I improve, I could probably stay here for more than five years but I need to score many goals, otherwise Chelsea will buy another player, that's normal."

The former Real Madrid striker also praised manager Antonio Conte saying that they had a good relationship that helped him improve every day.

The 25-year-old is familiar with Chelsea's Italian opponents on Tuesday as he faced Roma on multiple occasions during his two years at Juventus and the Spain international says he is focused on getting the win.

Chelsea, who are fourth in the league, host second-placed Manchester United on Sunday.

Warriors Smash Clippers 141-113



WASHINGTON (Xinhua) - After the season's first two weeks of slumber, Golden State Warriors woke up with a 141-113 blowout of the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night. Stephen Curry scored 31 points and Kevin Durant added 19 to lead Warriors to their 11th consecutive win over the Clippers.

Warriors' shooting percentage topped 70 in the first half as they seized control of the game. Curry hit seven of his 11 three-point attempts, and added six assists and five rebounds. Draymond Green added 16 points for the Warriors

while Klay Thompson added 15 points.

This is the fifth win in Warrior's first eight matches. The Warriors have not lost to the Clippers since Christmas Day in 2014. Danilo Gallinari scored 19 points and Lou Williams added 17 points for the Clippers.

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, center, goes to the basket while being defended by Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game.

Woods to Return After Nine Months Out at Hero World Challenge



Tiger Woods has not won a tournament since 2013

LONDON (Dispatches) - Tiger Woods will make his competitive return after nine months injured at the Hero World Challenge on 30 November.

The 14-time major champion, who has had four back operations in the past three years, has not played since withdrawing from February's Dubai Desert Classic.

The 18-man event, hosted by 41-year-old Woods in the Bahamas, is an unofficial money event on the PGA Tour.

He was sentenced to a year's probation on Friday, after pleading guilty to reckless driving in May.

The American, who won the last of his major titles in 2008, had back fusion surgery in April and last month said he may never return to competitive golf, however his agent said earlier in October that he had been cleared to resume playing.

Woods made a short-lived return after 15 months out at the same event in 2016.

The Hero World Challenge features the world's top four players, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Hideki Matsuyama and Justin Thomas, plus England's Justin Rose and Tommy Fleetwood.

Pyeongchang Receives Olympic Flame for 2018 Winter Games

ATHENS (Reuters) - The flame that will burn during the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics was handed over to organizers in Athens on Tuesday in the marble stadium that hosted the first modern Games in 1896.

After a week-long journey across Greece and an overnight stay on the Acropolis hill, the flame that was lit in Ancient Olympia, birthplace of the Olympics, was carried into the Panathenaic Stadium by Korean Olympic speed skating medalist Kim Ki-hoon.

The crowd erupted into cheers as Greek skiing champion Ioannis Proios lit the golden cauldron surrounded by priestesses in long



pleated robes.

"We are ready to welcome the world to PyeongChang," Games chief Lee Hee-beom said. "Pyeongchang 2018 will be Olympic Games of peace and harmony."

The Games take place from Feb. 9-25 in the mountainous resort town of Pyeongchang, 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the heavily fortified border with North Korea.

The run-up has been overshadowed by an escalating crisis triggered by North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile tests, but organizers have said the Games will be safe.

South Korea staged the 1988 Summer Olympics and co-hosted the 2002 soccer World Cup with Japan and both events were marred by instances of aggression by North Korea.

Following Tuesday's handover in Athens, the flame is due to arrive in South Korea on Nov. 1 for a 2,018km relay before reaching Pyeongchang for the opening ceremony on Feb. 9.

Greece hosted the Summer Olympics in 2004.

Mo Farah Splits With Coach Alberto Salazar

LONDON (Dispatches) - Mo Farah has split with long-time coach Alberto Salazar due his desire to return to the United Kingdom with his family, the four-time Olympic gold medallist has announced.

Speaking in an interview with The Sun, 34-year-old Farah confirmed his intentions to return to London as he embarks on a new chapter in his career in marathon running, and he insisted that the decision had nothing to do with the doping allegations that have been made against Salazar.

"I'm not leaving the Nike Oregon Project and Alberto Salazar because of the doping allegations," Farah said.

This situation has been going on for over two years, if I was going to leave because of that I would have done.

"As I've always said, I am (a) firm believer in clean sport and I strongly believe that anyone who breaks the rules should be punished.

"If Alberto had crossed the line I would be out the door but USADA has not charged him with anything. If I had ever had any reason to doubt Alberto, I would not have stood by him all this time."

Salazar was accused of administering banned supplements to athletes at the Nike Oregon Project, a claim that he strongly denied, The Sunday



Mo Farah has announced a split from long-time coach Alberto Salazar

Times reported the allegations, and claimed that the evidence came from

a leaked United States Anti-Doping agency report.

Serbia Sack Coach Slavoljub Muslin

BELGRADE (Dispatches) - Serbia have axed their coach Slavoljub Muslin in a shock move which came three weeks after the 64-year old journeyman steered the Balkan nation to the 2018 World Cup, their first major tournament in eight years.

The Serbian FA (FSS) and its chief Slavisa Kokeza had the final say in a protracted row with Muslin over his squad selection and what they deemed were below-par performances in the qualifying campaign.

"The FSS, headed by president Slavisa Kokeza, convened and decided to part company with Muslin by mutual consent," the body said on its website.

"Muslin's assistant Mladen Krstajic will take over as the caretaker and will be in charge for friendlies against China and South Korea (in November), until a new head



The 64-year-old Slavoljub Muslin guided Serbia to the 2018 World Cup, their first major tournament in eight years, three weeks ago.

coach is appointed. We thank Muslin for good cooperation and his accomplishment."