

# Iran Runner-Up at 2019 UWW Freestyle World Cup



TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Iran has finished in second place at the 2019 United World Wrestling (UWW) Freestyle World Cup.

Iran lost to host Russia 9-1 in the final match.

Russia claimed its seventh overall Freestyle World Cup title and first gold since its title-winning performance at the 2011 Makhachkala World Cup at the Yakutsk's Triumph Sports Training Center.

Iran had defeated Mongolia, USA and Georgia in its way to the final match.

Defending champion the United States edged Japan, 6-4 in the bronze-medal match.

# Thiem Edges Federer in 3 Sets to Win Indian Wells Title

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) - Roger Federer has come out playing like his legendary self. Dominic Thiem needed a set to adjust to what he was seeing across the net.

Thiem went on to beat Federer 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 and win the BNP Paribas Open, denying Federer a record sixth title in the desert.

"It just feels unreal what happened," Thiem said. "He's such a legend."

Thiem trailed 4-3 and 5-4 in the third set before breaking Federer with a forehand winner to go up 6-5. Thiem served out the two-hour match that ended with yet another error from Federer, a forehand dumped into the net.

Federer was in the final for the third straight year and lost for the second year in a row. He was beaten in a third-set tiebreaker by Juan Martin del Potro last year. Federer won his 100th career title in Dubai recently.



*Dominic Thiem, of Austria, celebrates after defeating Roger Federer, of Switzerland, in the men's final at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament March 17, 2019, in Indian Wells, Calif.*

Thiem had lost in his previous two ATP Masters 1000 finals. But the 25-year-old Austrian's solid serve held up against Federer as it had throughout the tournament.

Thiem was broken just four times out

of 61 service games in the tournament. He didn't lose serve during his semifinal win over Milos Raonic, facing only one break point in that match.

Thiem and Andreescu earned \$1.3 million each.

## Liverpool Return to Top of Premier League Table

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) - A combination of goalkeeping errors and penalties earned Liverpool a return to the Premier League summit and Brighton a place in the FA Cup semifinals on Sunday.

James Milner converted an 81st-minute spot kick - after two mistakes in a matter of seconds by Fulham goalkeeper Sergio Rico - to secure a 2-1 win for Liverpool at Craven Cottage, lifting the Reds above Manchester City and two points clear in the title race.

City has a game in hand in



*Liverpool's James Milner, center, celebrates with teammates Georginio Wijnaldum, left, and Mohamed Salah after scoring his side's second goal, during the English Premier League soccer match between Fulham and Liverpool at Craven Cottage stadium in London, March 17, 2019.*

their quest for an unprecedented quadruple. Pep Guardiola's side has already won the English League Cup, is into the Champions League quarterfinals, and now knows it will play Brighton in the last four of the FA Cup.

Brighton only made it to extra time in its quarterfinal match against second-tier Millwall by scoring an equalizer in the fifth minute of stoppage time, when goalkeeper David Martin allowed a free kick to sail into the corner.

## Bayern Back on Top After 6-0 Rout of Mainz



*Bayern's James, right, celebrates with teammate Leon Goretzka after scoring during the German Bundesliga soccer match between FC Bayern Munich and 1. FSV Mainz 05 in Munich, Germany, March 17, 2019.*

BERLIN (Dispatches) - Bayern Munich have returned to the top of the Bundesliga with a record-setting 6-0 rout of Mainz, more than answering Borussia Dortmund's challenge a day earlier.

Bayern set a new league record for scoring five or more goals in three consecutive games after last weekend's 6-0 rout of Wolfsburg which followed a 5-1 win at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Robert Lewandowski, James Rodriguez and Kingsley Coman scored in a one-sided first half, before James completed his hat

trick and Canadian teen Alphonso Davies grabbed his first goal for Bayern in the second.

James became the first Colombian to score a hat trick in the Bundesliga.

Bayern, the six-time defending champion, reclaimed the lead on goal difference from Dortmund, which had put the pressure on Saturday with a last-gasp 3-2 win at Hertha Berlin.

With eight rounds remaining, the April 6 clash between the two rivals could be a potential title-decider.

## Ronaldo-Less Juventus Lose in Genoa, First Defeat of Season



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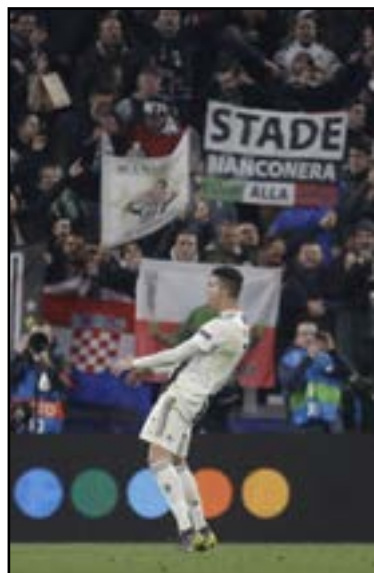
TURIN (Dispatches) - Juventus have suffered their first Serie A defeat of the season losing 2-0 to Genoa days after the Turin club's heroics against Atletico Madrid.

Ronaldo missed the trip to Genoa after firing Juve to the Champions League quarter-finals with a hat-trick over Atletico Madrid during the week. Former Juventus player Stefano Sturaro came off the bench

to send Genoa ahead in the 72nd minute.

Goran Pandev who also entered the pitch in the second half, sealed the win 9 minutes from time to move Genoa up to 12th in the standings. Despite the loss, Juventus remain on track for an eighth consecutive title as they sit 15 points clear of second-placed Napoli.

## Ronaldo Charged by UEFA for Gesture Mocking Simeone



Spanish club from the Champions League.

UEFA says its disciplinary panel will judge the charge of "improper conduct" on Thursday.

Simeone was fined 20,000 euros (\$22,700) by UEFA for making an obscene gesture after Atletico took the lead in a 2-0 win over Juventus in the first leg. Ronaldo's hat trick in the 3-0 win in the return leg in Turin last week sent Juventus to the quarterfinals.

Ronaldo celebrated at the final whistle by mimicking Simeone's gesture.

Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo reacts at the end of the Champions League round of 16, 2nd leg, soccer match between Juventus and Atletico Madrid at the Allianz stadium in Turin, Italy, Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

NYON, Switzerland (AP) - UEFA has charged Cristiano Ronaldo for a provocative gesture mocking Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone after Juventus eliminated the

## Blind Runner, His Dogs Make History at NYC Half Marathon

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A blind runner, assisted by a relay team of three guide dogs, made history on Sunday by completing the 2019 United Airlines New York City Half Marathon without any human help.

Thomas Panek, 48, ran along with three Labrador retrievers, Waffles, Westley and Gus, according to

the Guiding Eyes For The Blind's website, a charity that trains dogs for the visually impaired.

Panek became the first blind runner to complete the race led by dogs instead of other runners, according to the charity and also the website of the running club, New York Runners.

## Panathinaikos-Olympiakos Game Abandoned After Clashes

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Greek league rivals Panathinaikos and Olympiakos had their soccer game abandoned on Sunday after fans from host Panathinaikos clashed with police outside Athens' Olympic Stadium, and attempted to attack the Olympiakos bench inside the stadium.

With tear gas heavily used as police tried to get back control, referee Marco Fritz of Germany stopped play after 70 minutes. He called the game off for good

a half-hour later, saying the stadium had not been made sufficiently safe with lingering tear gas forcing Panathinaikos fans close to the field itself.

Most of the 25,000 Panathinaikos fans who attended the game had already left the stadium, affected by the tear gas. Visiting fans are not allowed at Greek league games for fear of violence.

Olympiakos was leading 1-0 at the time the game was abandoned.

## Sixers Down Bucks Despite Giannis' 52



*Mar 17, 2019; Milwaukee, WI, USA; Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid (21) drives for the basket against Milwaukee Bucks center Brook Lopez (11) during the fourth quarter at Fiserv Forum.*

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - Joel Embiid has scored 40 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the visiting Philadelphia 76ers past the Milwaukee Bucks 130-125.

It was Embiid's 52nd double-double and the 25th time he has scored at least 30 points and swept 10 rebounds in a game. He scored 18 points alone in the fourth

quarter.

Jimmy Butler had 27 and JJ Redick 19 for the Sixers, who won their fourth in a row and officially clinched a playoff spot.

Giannis Antetokounmpo was terrific for the Bucks with a career-high 52 points to go along with 16 rebounds and seven assists. Khris Middleton added 19 points.