

Iranian Para Swimmers Bag 7 Medals in IDM Berlin 2018



TEHRAN (Press TV) - Iranian Paralympian swimmers have shown their outstanding performances at the Internationale Deutsche Meisterschaften

Swimming (IDM) Berlin 2018, and received seven medals at the tournament. Pejman Ataei clocked 54.13 seconds in the men's 50-meter

individual breaststroke heat, and finished runner-up to get the silver medal. Shahin Izadyar set the time of 25.73 seconds in the men's

50-meter freestyle contests, and claimed the second spot.

Izadyar also took part in the S10 men's 100-meter individual medley heats, and registered 57.10 seconds to pocket a silver medal.

The Iranian team also came third in the 4x100 meter relay event.

Earlier in the competitions, Ataei earned the S6 men's 200-meter freestyle bronze with 3:26.78 minutes.

The same Iranian Paralympian swimmer also clocked 2:04.17 minutes in the men's 100-meter backstroke contests, and scooped a bronze.

The IDM Berlin 2018 started in Germany on June 7, and will finish on June 10 in Berlin.

Brazil Survive Scare Against Iran at VNL



TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Brazil edged past Iran 3-2 (25-17, 23-25, 25-19, 21-25, 15-13) in week three of the Volleyball Nations League (VNL) on Saturday.

Douglas Souza top scored with 22 points (18 attacks and 4 blocks) and Farhad Ghaemi led Iran with 14 points.

Iran has been scheduled to Meet Russia on Sunday.

The competition is being held from May 25 to July 8 in 22 host cities.

The 16 teams compete in a round-robin format with every core team hosting a pool at least once. The teams are divided into four pools of four teams at each week and compete five weeks long, with a total of 120 matches.

The top five teams after the preliminary round join the host of the final round to compete in the

final round.

The relegation takes in consideration only the 4 challenger teams. The last ranked challenger team plays the promotion play-off against the Challenger Cup winners. The winners of the play-off will qualify for the next edition as a challenger team.

Iran volleyball coach Igor Kolakovic is satisfied with his young men's performance.

"It was a great game. Brazil is a fantastic opponent. Our team has a lot of talented guys and in this game, they've shown what they're capable of," Kolakovic said in the post-match news conference.

"Maybe we didn't have enough power or stamina to finish this game with a victory, but we're still very pleased with this game because Brazil is fantastic to play against," he added.

Halep Wins Maiden Grand Slam Title at Roland Garros

PARIS (Dispatches) - Women's singles world No. 1 Simona Halep claimed her maiden Grand Slam title after beating Sloane Stephens in full sets, while Frenchmen Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut

triumphed in the men's doubles final at the French Open on Saturday.

Halep extended her winning streak over her American opponent to five matches after clinching the final victory by 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, following her previous two heartbroken final appearances at Roland Garros, losing to Maria Sharapova in 2014 and Jelena Ostapenko in 2017.

Both players held their serves in the first three games, before Stephens finished her break in the fourth to move in front and built a 4-1 lead midway through the first set.

Halep failed to have her own response for breaking, and had to concede the opening set at 6-3.

The top-ranked player slid away further after being broken at the start into the second set to see herself two games down.

Stephens, however, began to lose her quality in returning, and Halep took advantage of that to win four games in a row.

Stephens tied the score at 4-all after the eighth game, but Halep managed to force into the decider with 6-4.

Then Halep was unstoppable spurting to a 5-0 lead in the decider, and she never appeared to be contested en route to her maiden Grand Slam title.

Already the 2008 Roland Garros girls' singles champion, she became the sixth player to have won the women's singles title in Paris after winning the girls' singles title. She has retained her world No. 1 ranking by reaching the final.

Vettel Takes Canadian GP Pole With Lap Record

MONTREAL (AFP) - Sebastian Vettel roared to pole position with a record-breaking lap for Ferrari in Saturday's dramatic qualifying session for this weekend's Formula One Canadian Grand Prix.

It is the Italian team's first time on pole in Montreal since seven-time champion Michael Schumacher managed it in 2001. In a tight and intriguing contest between the three leading teams, Vettel clocked a best lap in a record one minute, 10.764 seconds to secure his 54th pole position and outpace nearest rival Valtteri Bottas of Mercedes and Dutchman Max Verstappen. Championship leader and

defending champion Lewis Hamilton was down in fourth for Mercedes -- his hopes of a fourth consecutive pole in Canada ended -- ahead of Finn Kimi Raikkonen in the second Ferrari.

Australian Daniel Ricciardo, victorious in Monaco two weeks ago, was sixth in the second Red Bull as his team-mate Verstappen, who had been fastest throughout practice, continued to deliver a perfect riposte to his critics.

Mercedes, who chose not to introduce their new upgraded power units in Montreal and struggled to extract the best from the 'hyper-soft' tyre, saw



Hamilton struggle to find the form that has enabled him to dominate in the past.

Hamilton was seeking to equal

Schumacher's record of seven wins in Canada this weekend, but his run of supremacy looks likely to end on Sunday.

Crawford Stops Horn to Seize WBO Welterweight World Title

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Unbeaten Terence Crawford has punished Jeff Horn en route to a ninth-round technical knockout to seize the Australian's World Boxing Organization welterweight world title.

America's Crawford, the former undisputed super lightweight world title holder, outclassed the Aussie who was defending the title he won in a huge upset of Manny Pacquiao in July of last year in Brisbane.

Horn defended the belt with a technical knockout of Gary Corcoran in December, but he was dominated by Crawford all the way at the Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Crawford, who improved to 33-0 with 24 knockouts, battered Horn for eight rounds, knocking him down in the ninth with a flurry of blows.

Horn beat the count, but Crawford unleashed another barrage and referee Robert Byrd called a halt at 2:33 of the round.

With the win Crawford claimed a world title in a third weight division.



Jeff Horn (L) and Terence Crawford battle in the seventh round of their WBO welterweight title fight, at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 9, 2018

He defeated Julius Indongo last August to become the undisputed super lightweight world champion.

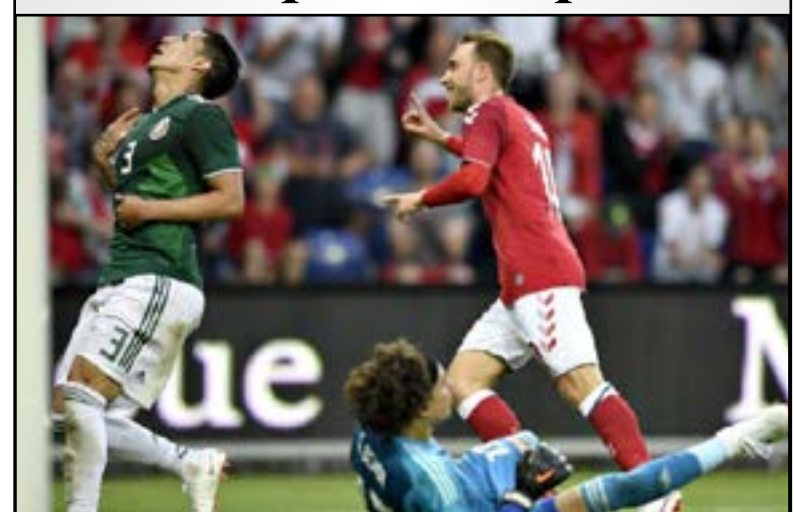
A former WBO lightweight world champ, Crawford made the move up to welterweight in impressive fashion.

He won every round and was never really hurt by Horn, who fell to 18-1 with one draw and 12 knockouts.

A vocal Australian contingent among the crowd of 8,112 lustily backed Horn, but he was in trouble from the start as Crawford caught him with a hard left just seconds in.

Crawford, using his speed and his ability to switch stances to good effect, landed almost at will, Horn absorbing the punishment without finding a way to answer.

Spain Top Tunisia, Mexico Beaten by Denmark in World Cup Warm-Up



LONDON (Dispatches) - Spain remained unbeaten in 20 matches under new coach Julen Lopetegui, but they needed an 85th-minute goal from 76th-minute substitute Iago Aspas to pull off the victory over Tunisia on Saturday.

Sergio Busquets began the move that unlocked a stubborn, sturdy Tunisian defense by finding Diego Costa, a sub himself on the hour mark, in space behind the backline. Costa took on multiple defenders and the goalkeeper before cutting it

back to a late-arriving Aspas near the top of the box. The Celta Vigo man fired it low and hard toward the far post, beating Balbouli for the game's only goal.

Denmark 2-0 Mexico

Christian Eriksen had himself a game, scoring one and assisting the other, as Denmark topped Mexico in a battle of World Cup-bound sides. Tottenham Hotspur's prolific Dane found Yussuf Poulsen for the opening goal in the 71st minute, and found the back of the net himself just three minutes later.