

Iranian Athletes Bag Five Gold at Youth Olympic Games

BUENOS AIRES (Dispatches) - Iran's Alireza Yousefi has won a gold medal in the men's superheavyweight +85kg category at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, to put in five gold medals for Iranian athletes.

Yousefi registered 162kg in his final attempt in the snatch round, lifting 218 kilograms in the clean and jerk.

The Asian youth champion topped the podium with a total of 380kg, while Hristo Hristov of Bulgaria finished second just one kilogram behind, and Enzo Kuworge of the Netherlands completed the podium.

Earlier on Saturday, Amir Reza Dehbozorgi and Mohammad Nosrati claimed two gold medals in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics.

Dehbozorgi won a gold medal at the 45kg after beating Jeremy Peralta González from Ecuador 8-0 in the final match.

Yalda Valinejad and Ali Eshkavarian snatched two gold medals in Taekwondo at the Games.

The events take place at the Parque Polideportivo Roca in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



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Djokovic Wins a Record Fourth Shanghai Masters Title



Novak Djokovic of Serbia eyes on the ball as he plays against Borna Coric of Croatia during their men's singles finals match in the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018.

SHANGHAI (AP) - Novak Djokovic won a record fourth Shanghai Masters title with a 6-3, 6-4 win over 13th-seeded Borna Coric on Sunday.

The second-seeded Djokovic has won all four Shanghai finals he's contested in his career (2012, 2013, 2015 and 2018). He previously shared the record of winning three Shanghai titles with Andy Murray.

Djokovic holds an 11-0 overall record in finals played in China, where he also won the Beijing tournament six times and the 2008 year-end Tennis Masters Cup held in Shanghai.

"Maybe I was Chinese in the past life," said Djokovic, smiling, in explaining impressive record in the country. "I wouldn't be surprised, to be honest, with the way I feel here and the way I communicate and have relationship with the people.

Djokovic dominated opponents behind his powerful serve, winning all 47 of his service games during the tournament.

The Serb offered 13th-seeded Coric one break point in the match, in the sixth game of the second set. Coric, who has yet to win a set against

Djokovic in three matches played, sailed a forehand wide to miss out on the rare opportunity.

"It was really tough," Coric said. "I didn't know what to do exactly. I thought I was playing actually really well, which is in that moment not good because if I play bad, okay, I know I need to start playing better, need to change something.

"I'm just happy with the whole week. I think it was a really good week for me."

Djokovic, who has now won four titles this season, will move up one ranking spot to No. 2, pushing Roger Federer back to No. 3.

The victory extended his winning streak to 18 matches, the longest of the season by any male player. Federer and Nadal both had 17-match winning streaks during the year.

Coric, who had his right thigh wrapped throughout the match, saved three match points on his own serve in the ninth game of the second set.

But the Croatian couldn't prevent Djokovic from snatching the title on a fourth match point in the next game. Djokovic won the final game to love when Coric sailed a backhand long.

Dutch Humiliate Germany in Nations League



Netherlands' scorer Georginio Wijnaldum, left, celebrates after he scored his side's third goal with Netherlands' second scorer Memphis Depay, right, during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between The Netherlands and Germany at the Johan Cruyff Arena in Amsterdam, Oct 13, 2018.

AMSTERDAM (Dispatches) - Germany's UEFA Nations League campaign took a humiliating blow after a 3-0 loss at old rival Netherlands.

Germany remains without a win in the top-tier League A and has yet to score a goal.

In the second-tier League B, the Czech Republic got its first win in the new competition — beating host Slovakia 2-1 — and Ireland and Denmark drew 0-0.

In League D, Gibraltar won its first competitive game on a memorable night for the tiny territory.

Here's a look at Saturday's games.

Following its disastrous World Cup defense in Russia, Germany has been under pressure to show some progress but it didn't come at the Johan Cruyff Arena on Saturday night. The Germans failed to score for the third straight competitive game, including a humiliating 2-0 loss to South Korea in Russia and a 0-0 draw with France at home in the Nations League.

Captain Virgil van Dijk scored only his second international goal before Memphis Depay and Georginio Wijnaldum added two more as the Dutch ran riot late in the game.

Schumacher's Son Mick Wins European F3 Title

BERLIN (Reuters) - Mick Schumacher, the 19-year-old son of seven-times Formula One world champion Michael, has won the European Formula Three title at Hockenheim with a race to spare.

Second place in the day's second race was enough to secure the German's first junior championship with an unbeatable 347 points.

It also qualifies him to race in Formula One next season, although there are few vacant seats available and the next obvious step would be Formula Two.

Previous winners of the series, which has evolved over the years, include four-times F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton, who drives for Mercedes.

Schumacher's father won the German F3 title in 1990, a year before his Formula One



Mick Schumacher finished second in the race at Hockenheim, enough to clinch the title

debut with the Jordan team and subsequent switch to Benetton.

Mick Schumacher has secured eight wins in 12 races including

five in a row with the Mercedes-powered Prema team. He was 12th overall in his debut season last year.

Mercedes motorsport head Toto Wolff, who runs the F1 team

that Schumacher drove for at the end of his career, said the teenager had great potential.

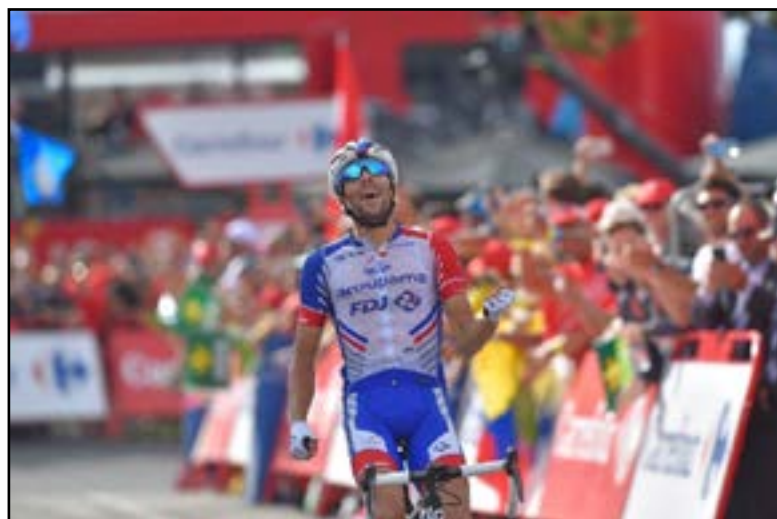
"Attention was focused on the youngster right from the start, and he was under a lot of pressure. It's not easy coping with all that, especially if the season does not get off to the best of starts, as in this case," said the Austrian.

"His performance in the second half of the season was therefore all the more impressive. He has shown that he has what it takes and that he can become one of the greats in our sport."

Michael Schumacher, the most successful driver in Formula One history, has not been seen in public since he suffered severe head injuries in a skiing accident in France in December 2013.

The former Ferrari driver's privacy is closely guarded at the family's home in Switzerland.

French Rider Pinot Wins Tour of Lombardy



Groupama-FDJ's French cyclist Thibaut Pinot won the Tour of Lombardy.

COMO, Italy (AP) - French rider Thibaut Pinot has won the Tour of Lombardy for the first single-day classic victory of his career.

Pinot, who rides for the Groupama-FDJ team, left behind challenger Vincenzo Nibali with a solo attack 14 kilometers from the finish of the hilly 241-kilometer (150-mile) route from Bergamo to Como.

Nibali, a two-time winner of the Lombardy race, finished second, 32 seconds behind. Dylan Teuns of Belgium crossed third, 43

seconds back.

The victory caps a strong week for Pinot, who also won the Milano-Torino race on Wednesday.

"Among the monuments (single-day classics), Il Lombardia is the nicest in my mind," Pinot said. "I've always wanted to win it. I'm in the form of my life but to win ahead of Nibali is something very special."

Pinot also won two stages in the Spanish Vuelta last month and the five-day Tour of the Alps in April.

Crawford Retains World Welterweight Title With 12th-Round KO



Crawford has 25 knockouts from 34 fights

LONDON (Dispatches) - Terence Crawford retained his WBO welterweight title and extended his unbeaten record to 34 wins with a 12th-round stoppage of Jose Benavidez Jr.

Crawford, 31, sent his fellow American to the canvas with a sharp right-hand uppercut with less than a minute left.

Benavidez Jr recovered but the fight ended in flurry of punches from Crawford, with the referee stepping in.

Crawford kept his pre-fight promise of not shaking Benavidez Jr's hand after the bout in Nebraska.

There had been bad blood in the build-up, which culminated in Crawford trying to punch Benavidez Jr at Friday's weigh-in. "It feels so good to shut somebody up who's been talking for so long," said Crawford, who was making the first defense of his title since winning the belt against Australian Jeff Horn in June.