

Iran Women's Futsal Team to Play Spain, Portugal: Official



TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran's women's futsal team will play friendly matches with Spain and Portugal, according to the team's technical director Ali Ra'di.

Iran will travel to Russia on May 4 and play Portugal one day later.

Team Melli will meet host Russia on May 6 and play Spain on May 8, Ra'di said.

"These friendlies will help us to earn more experience because they are the top teams in the world. We are also going to rejuvenate our team and have invited young players to our camp," he added.

Two-time champion Iran is preparing for the 2020 AFC Women's Futsal Championship.

Hamilton Wins Formula One's 1,000th Race

SHANGHAI (Reuters) - Lewis Hamilton won the Chinese Grand Prix for a record sixth time on Sunday to seize the overall lead from his Mercedes team mate Valtteri Bottas in Formula One's 1,000th world championship race.

Bottas, who made a poor start from pole and lost out to five times world champion Hamilton into the first corner, was second for his team's third one-two finish in as many races this season.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel took third place, his first podium appearance of the campaign, with Red Bull's Pierre Gasly denying the German an extra point with the fastest lap right at the end.

The comfortable win in a race short on thrills was the 75th of Hamilton's career, and second in a row after his lucky triumph in



Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton celebrates winning the race on the podium with the trophy.

Bahrain two weeks ago.

He is now just 16 victories short of Michael Schumacher's all time record tally of 91.

Hamilton has 68 points to

Bottas's 62 with Red Bull's Max Verstappen third on 39. In the constructors' standings, Mercedes are already a hefty 57 clear of second-placed Ferrari.

Juventus Miss Chance to Seal Serie A Title

TURIN (Dispatches) - Juventus missed the chance to wrap up a record eighth consecutive Serie A title as they lost 2-1 at SPAL.

Massimiliano Allegri's side needed just a point to win the title, but will have to wait for next Saturday's match against Fiorentina, unless Napoli fail to beat Chievo on Sunday.

Moise Kean turned home Joao Cancelo's wayward shot to put Juventus in front.



Kevin Bonifazi headed in the equalizer just after half-time, before 37-year-old Sergio Floccari scored the winner.

Juve defender Andrea Barzagli, 37, confirmed after the game that he will retire at the end of the season.

It was SPAL's first win against the Italian champions since February 1957 and only Juventus' second league defeat of the season.

Weakened Barcelona Draw in La Liga



Ousmane Dembele could face Manchester United on Tuesday after recovering from injury

one of six first-team regulars to miss the game, with Tuesday's Champions League game against Manchester United in mind.

Four players were handed their La Liga debuts for the runaway leaders in an uneventful game.

The closest either side came to scoring was when Malcom hit the post from a tight angle for Barca, who are nine points clear of Atletico Madrid.

Atletico beat Celta Vigo 2-0 later on Saturday, with Antoine Griezmann scoring the opener and then setting up Alvaro Morata for a second.

Captain Messi and Sergio Busquets were rested, Luis Suarez

and Gerard Pique were banned, Ivan Rakitic was ill and Sergi Roberto was injured.

Defenders Jean-Clair Todibo, Jeison Murillo and Moussa Wague and midfielder Riqui Puig all made their first league appearances for the La Liga champions.

Ousmane Dembele made his comeback after a month out with a hamstring injury, with Kevin-Prince Boateng making only his third Barca appearance.

Barca host United at the Nou Camp on Tuesday, having won last week's quarter-final first leg 1-0 at Old Trafford thanks to a Luke Shaw own goal.

Philadelphia 76er Beat Brooklyn Nets 102-111 in NBA



WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - The visiting Brooklyn Nets have overpowered the Philadelphia 76ers 111 to 102 in game 1 of their Eastern Conference First Round Playoff Series.

Brooklyn got off to a hot start, taking the 1st quarter with a late 12-nothing run and held on to their advantage as they led 62-54 by half-time. The 6ers cut the deficit to 2

points early in the 3rd period, but the Nets took control once again and made it 93 to 82 after 3 quarters of play.

D'Angelo Russell scored 26 points for the 6th-seeded Nets, who competed in their first playoff game in 4 years, while Jimmy Butler led the 3rd-seeded 6ers with a career-high 36-points.

FIFA Head Wants Refs to End Soccer Games If Racism Persists



FIFA President Gianni Infantino speaks during the 29th AFC Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 6, 2019.

ZURICH (Dispatches) - FIFA president Gianni Infantino has called for a crackdown on racism at soccer games after several high-profile incidents, and encouraged referees to abandon matches in the worst cases.

"We will not hesitate to do everything in our power to eradicate racism, and any other form of discrimination, from football, at any level and anywhere in the world," the head of world soccer's governing body has said in a statement.

Infantino referred to the "three-step procedure" at tournaments,

a measure that was brought in at the 2017 Confederations Cup and which allows a referee to stop a game, suspend a game and ultimately abandon a game if discriminatory behavior persists.

"FIFA urges all member associations, leagues, clubs and disciplinary bodies to adopt the same procedure, as well as a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of racism in football, and to apply harsh sanctions for any such kind of behavior," Infantino said. "Racism has no place in football, just as it has no place in society either."

Milaw Wins Paris Marathon to Prevent Lonyangata Hat Trick

PARIS (Reuters) - Abrha Milaw bettered his personal best to upset two-time defending champion Paul Lonyangata and win the Paris marathon as Ethiopian runners shone in the French capital on Sunday.

Milaw powered away with less than three kilometers to go to complete the 42.195km in two hours seven minutes and five seconds, improving his previous best mark by 20 seconds on a cold and sunny morning.

Compatriot Asefa Mengistu was second 20 seconds behind, with Kenyan Lonyangata, winner



Ethiopia's Abrha Milaw Asefa celebrates winning the men's elite race on the podium.

In the women's race, Gelete Burka led an Ethiopian 1-2-3 when she clocked two hour 22:47 ahead of Azmera Gebru and Azmera Abreha, who finished five and 48 seconds behind, respectively.

"It was very very cold for me, it's difficult to breathe in these conditions but I'm very happy," said Burka.

Clemence Calvin, who was allowed to race after the Council of State, one of the country's highest courts, lifted her provisional suspension, took fourth place by beating the French record.

of the past two editions, coming home third in 2:07:28.