

Iranian Thrower Runner-Up in U.S. Int'l Contests



Ehsan Haddadi

Games Ehsan Haddadi has stood second in the international competitions of University of California San Diego.

Haddadi came second with a throw of 65.79 meters.

He is being coached by American Mac Wilkins in the U.S. to get prepared for Qatar international track and field contests to be held in Doha September 27 to October 6.

In this event, Reggie Jagers from the U.S. claimed the title.

Haddadi had already claimed a gold medal in Triton Invitational in Chula Vista, Southern California, the U.S., with a throw of 67.19m, in which Sam Mattis won the silver and Reggie Jagers win the third place.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iranian silver medalist at 2012 Olympic

Salah Leads Liverpool to Crucial Win Against Chelsea

LIVERPOOL (Dispatches) - Liverpool have once again reclaimed the top spot from Manchester City after a 2-0 home win against Chelsea in English Premier League.

There was nothing to separate the two sides in terms of goals after 45 minutes of play at Anfield on Sunday with chances going begging both sides of the field.

However, Liverpool started the game with more urgency after the break and were rewarded through a close-range header by Sadio Mane in the 51st minute.

Less than two minutes later Mohamed Salah netted a magnificent second, arrowing an unstoppable screamer into the top corner from 25 yards out.

Liverpool held on to secure the three vital points and climbed back to the summit with 85 points, two more than



A spectacular strike from Mohamed Salah helped Liverpool maintain its two-point lead over Manchester City in the Premier League title race with a crucial 2-0 win over Chelsea at Anfield Sunday.

Manchester City, who have a game in hand. Chelsea, whose League qualification hopes suffered a blow, remain 4th with 66 points.

Celtics Start Strong, Harden Leads Rockets Past Jazz

BOSTON (dispatches) - The Boston Celtics topped the Indiana Pacers 84-74 in game one of their NBA Eastern Conference first-round playoff series, while the Houston Rockets defeated the Utah Jazz in the west.

A surprising 20-point performance from Markieff Morris assisted Kyrie Irving's 20-point effort in Boston's opener on Sunday.

Cory Joseph, who averaged 6.5 points per game during the regular season, led a cold Indiana squad with 14 points

The Portland Trail Blazers took a 1-0 lead in their Western Conference matchup with the Oklahoma City Thunder after winning 104-99.

Damian Lillard led all scorers with 30 points, but C. J. McCollum



and Enes Kanter also had big games for the Trail Blazers.

Thunder star Russell Westbrook posted 24 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, but Oklahoma City could not overcome terrible three-point

shooting, as they made just five of 33 attempts.

Eastern Conference top seeds the Milwaukee Bucks saw off the Blake-Griffin less Detroit Pistons 121-86 in game one.

The Bucks moved ahead early and stayed there behind a well-rounded scoring attack thanks to Giannis Antetokounmpo's 24 points and 17 rebounds.

Griffin was absent for the Pistons due to a knee injury and will likely have to a huge impact to turn the series around when he makes his debut.

Meanwhile, James Harden's 29 points and 10 assists led Houston to a convincing 122-90 victory against Utah.

Rudy Gobert contributed 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, but constantly found himself overwhelmed in the paint by a swarm of Rocket slashers. Not to mention Harden driving to the basket.

Madrid Set to Make Changes After Poor Season: Zidane



Real Madrid's French coach Zinedine Zidane reacts during the Spanish League football match between Real Madrid CF and SD Huesca at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on March 31, 2019.

MADRID (AP) - Zinedine Zidane says that Real Madrid is set for changes this summer after a disappointing season.

"All my players are important and good, but we are going to make changes," the Madrid coach said Sunday. "Here there are many players that can bring in cash for the club."

Madrid is enduring one of its worst seasons in recent memory.

It was eliminated from the Champions League in the Round of 16, failed to reach the Copa del Rey final, and fell out of contention with leader Barcelona in the Spanish league by midseason.

Zidane stepped down at the end of last campaign but returned with the team in trouble last month. Madrid has won three and lost one since its former player has been in charge.

Bayern Return Top of Bundesliga With 4-1 Win in Duesseldorf



Bayern's Kingsley Coman is celebrated by his team after scoring during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Fortuna Duesseldorf and Bayern Munich in Duesseldorf, Germany, April 14, 2019.

BERLIN (AP) - After fighting with teammate Robert Lewandowski in training, Kingsley Coman struck again with two goals to help Bayern Munich return to the top of the Bundesliga with a 4-1 win at Fortuna Duesseldorf on Sunday.

Serge Gnabry and Leon Goretzka scored the other goals as Bayern

reclaimed its 1-point lead from Borussia Dortmund, which scraped a 2-1 win over Mainz on Saturday.

Lewandowski failed to add to his league-leading tally of 21 goals but congratulated Coman on scoring. There was no sign of animosity between the two following their training ground punch-up on Thursday.

Gilbert Beats Politt to Win Paris-Roubaix



Belgium's Philippe Gilbert on his way to victory at Paris-Roubaix.

ROUBAIX, France (Dispatches) - Veteran cyclist Philippe Gilbert beat German rider Nils Politt right at the end of Sunday's Paris-Roubaix race to win it for the first time.

Gilbert strategically placed himself behind the 24-year-old Politt, and then attacked him down the left to win by about a length after nearly six hours of riding. Belgian rider Yves Lampaert finished in third.

The race is one of cycling's five high-profile classics, along with the

Tour of Flanders, Milan-San Remo, Liege-Bastogne-Liege and the Giro di Lombardia. The 36-year-old Gilbert, a former world road race champion, has won all except Milan-San Remo.

Last year's Paris-Roubaix winner Peter Sagan joined Gilbert and Politt near the front with about 20 kilometers left. But Sagan dropped off, leaving Gilbert and Politt to contest victory as they reached the Roubaix velodrome in northern France.

Britain's Peaty to Focus on 100m Breaststroke in Tokyo



Adam Peaty (GBR) of United Kingdom poses with his gold medal.

LONDON (Reuters) - Olympic 100 meters breaststroke champion Adam Peaty has ruled out adding the 200 meters to his schedule at next year's Tokyo Games.

The Briton had talked about possibly targeting two individual medals by adding the longer distance but told the media on Monday he had decided against.

"I want to focus on pushing the boundaries in the 100m," said the 24-year-old breaststroke specialist ahead of the British swimming championships that start in Glasgow on Tuesday.

"If you look at the 200m swimmers they're all kind of skinny and long in their stroke and I'm the complete opposite. I'm quite muscly and have a short stroke," he added.

Peaty holds the world record in both the 50 and 100m breaststroke but the shorter distance is not on the Olympic program.

He has spoken in the past about "Project 56" - the challenge to beat the world record of 57.10 seconds he set at the European championships in Glasgow last August and take the time below 57 seconds.

Djokovic Eyes French Open Final Against Nadal as Clay Begins

MONACO (Dispatches) - As Novak Djokovic begins his preparations for a fourth straight Grand Slam title, he likes to imagine beating Rafael Nadal in the French Open final.

"That would be the match of the season, yes," Djokovic said Sunday at the Monte Carlo Masters. Djokovic and his longtime rival Nadal are starting their clay-court seasons this week at Monte Carlo, their first tuneup to face ahead of the May 26-June 9 French Open in Paris, and which could see them meet for a 54th time if they reach the final.

Toppling Nadal at Roland Garros, where the Spaniard is the defending champion and a record 11-time winner, is what Djokovic really wants.

