

Iran Crowned Karate 1-Series A Santiago Champion



TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran national karate team has won the team title of the Karate 1-Series A

Santiago 2020.

The Iranian karate athletes claimed five gold medals and one

bronze.

Turkey came second with four gold, three silver and five bronze medals.

Italy sat in the third place with two gold medals and one silver.

Rozita Alipour beat her Serbian opponent Jovana Prekovic in the Female Kumite -61kg final and won the gold medal.

Turkey's Merve Coban and Xiaoyan Yin from China won bronze.

Hamideh Abbasali defeated her Chinese rival Hanqi Cao in the final bout of the Female Kumite +68kg.

Meltem Hocaoglu Akyol from Turkey and Mexican Sachiko Paulina Ramos claimed bronze.

Bahman Asgari won a gold, defeating Brazilian Breno Teixeira

in the final match of the Male Kumite -75kg.

Turkey's Erman Eltemur and Yassine Sekouri from Morocco each took home a bronze medal.

Zabihollah Poorshab took a gold at the Male Kumite -84kg by defeating Turkey's Ugur Aktas.

Kazakhstan's Igor Chikhmarev and Chile's Tomas Doussang each won bronze.

Sajad Ganjzadeh also won a gold medal, beating Germany's Jonathan Horne at the Male Kumite 84+kg final.

The bronze medals in the category went to Saleh Abazari from Iran and Gogita Arkania from Georgia.

Nearly 500 athletes from 65 countries competed in Chile for the first event of the season.

Djokovic Defeats Nadal, Leads Serbia to ATP Cup Victory

SYDNEY (AP) - Serbia have defeated Spain to claim the inaugural ATP Cup in Australia, with the matchup between Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal a turning point in the 2-1 result.

It all came down to the doubles decider, and despite a spirited performance and early lead by the Spanish, Serbia surged to the victory, 6-3, 6-4, in the final clash.

Nadal was notably absent from the doubles, being apparently worn out having played a grueling tournament schedule across multiple cities.

Earlier in the night, Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut defeated Dusan Lajovic, 7-5, 6-1, to put his country one point ahead in the



Novak Djokovic (L) of Serbia hugs Rafael Nadal of Spain after their match during the ATP Cup final between Spain and Serbia in Sydney, Australia, Jan 12, 2020.

three-match tie.

However, Nadal was unable to clinch the victory for his country, going down to Djokovic, 6-2, 7-6, and forcing the championship to a doubles decider.

Djokovic returned to the court for the doubles, pairing up with Viktor Troicki, while Feliciano Lopez and Pablo Carreno Busta stepped forward for Spain, leaving Nadal to watch from the sidelines.

Such was the spirit in the arena that a Serbian victory seemed preordained - and national hero Djokovic did not disappoint - leading his team to a straight-set victory which he described as one of the most unique experiences of his career.

Juventus Beat Roma to Go Top of Serie A



Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 26 goals in 28 games across all competitions this season

TURIN (Dispatches) - Reigning champions Juventus seized their opportunity to edge two points clear of

Inter Milan in the Serie A title race with victory over Roma.

Maurizio Sarri's side struck twice

in the opening 10 minutes, as Merih Demiral met Paulo Dybala's free-kick before Dybala then earned a penalty which Cristiano Ronaldo duly converted.

Roma responded in the second half through Diego Perotti's spot-kick.

Antonio Conte's Inter were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Atalanta on Saturday.

Meanwhile, third-placed Lazio recorded a 10th consecutive Serie A win against Napoli to sit six points behind Juventus with a game in hand.

Ronaldo's ninth goal in seven games appeared to have put Juventus in firm control in a first half

overshadowed by a serious-looking injury to 20-year-old Roma midfielder Nicolo Zaniolo, following a challenge by Matthijs de Ligt.

But Paulo Fonseca's hosts produced a reaction after the interval, striker Edin Dzeko hitting the post moments before a video assistant referee review found Sandro to have handled amid a goalmouth scramble.

With the Stadio Olimpico roaring Roma on, Juve's Gonzalo Higuain had a goal disallowed for offside while Aleksandar Kolarov missed an excellent headed opportunity to equalise.

Juve held on despite late pressure to record

Liverpool Set New Points Record to Move 16 Clear in PL



Liverpool's Brazilian midfielder Roberto Firmino celebrates scoring the opening goal during the English Premier League football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, on Jan 11, 2020.

LONDON (AP) - Liverpool maintained their incredible season, stretching their lead at the top of the Premier League and at the same time setting a new record for the best ever start to a campaign in the competition with a 1-0 win away to Jose Mourinho's Tottenham.

Roberto Firmino's 37th minute goal leaves Liverpool 16 points clear at the top of the table, taking them to 61 points from their first 21 games of the campaign. That is the highest ever points total for any of Europe's top five leagues (England, Spain, Italy, Germany and France) by this stage of the season.

"The result is the most important thing. There was one team who deserved to win and that was us ... If it was easy to win here many more teams would do it," commented

Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp after the game.

A good day for Liverpool was made even better when Leicester City were beaten 2-1 at home to Southampton, who continue to climb the table with four wins and a draw in their last five games.

Things got off to a good start for Leicester when Dennis Praet put them ahead in the 14th minute, but Stuart Armstrong's deflected effort levelled the score and Danny Ings, who had hit the crossbar twice earlier in the game, scored the winning goal for the visitors in the 81st minute.

Leicester thought they had snatched a late equalizer through Jonny Evans, but the VAR ruled his effort out for a tight offside call.

Real Madrid Beat Atletico Madrid on Penalties to Win Spanish Super Cup



Real Madrid lift the Spanish Super Cup for the first time since 2017

JEDDAH , Saudi Arabia (Dispatches) - Real Madrid beat city rivals Atletico Madrid 4-1 in a penalty shootout to win the first edition of the revamped Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia following a goalless draw after extra time in a tense final.

Captain Sergio Ramos converted the decisive fourth penalty for Real Madrid after Dani Carvajal, Rodrygo Goes and Luka Modric had scored for his side while Saul Niguez and Thomas Partey failed to convert for Atletico, with Kieran Trippier scoring for them.

Atletico keeper Jan Oblak and Real counterpart Thibaut Courtois were the top performers in a cagey 90 minutes which forced

extra time for the fifth consecutive final between the city rivals since 2013.

Real had midfielder Federico Valverde sent off in the 115th minute for hauling down Alvaro Morata but Zinedine Zidane's side survived the final stretch of the game and kept their nerve in the shootout.

It is the 11th time Real have won the Super Cup, which was the traditional season curtain-raiser between the league and Cup winners before the competition was expanded to four teams by the national federation and moved to Saudi Arabia in a three-year deal worth a reported 120 million euros (\$133 million).

Serradori Beats Alonso to Maiden Win Stage 8 at Dakar 2020

WADI AD-DAWASIR, Saudi Arabia (Dispatches) - Serradori claimed a first-ever stage win for himself and his South African-built Century CR6 buggy in the 474km loop around Wadi ad-Dawasir.

Though he was only one of several drivers with similar front running pace in the early parts of the stage, Serradori was in a league of his own in the second half of the test and finished four minutes faster than Alonso's Toyota.

The two-time Formula 1 champion nevertheless recorded his best Dakar stage finish yet, having previously been classified no higher than fourth.



Mathieu Serradori crushed Fernando Alonso's dream of a Dakar stage win, beating the double F1 World Champion on Monday's Stage 8.

The stage win has allowed Serradori to overhaul another Toyota driver Bernhard ten Brinke for seventh place in the general classification, with Serradori having

surrendered the spot on Sunday after getting stuck on a dune.

Opening the road after his victory in the seventh stage - and with no bike tracks to follow given