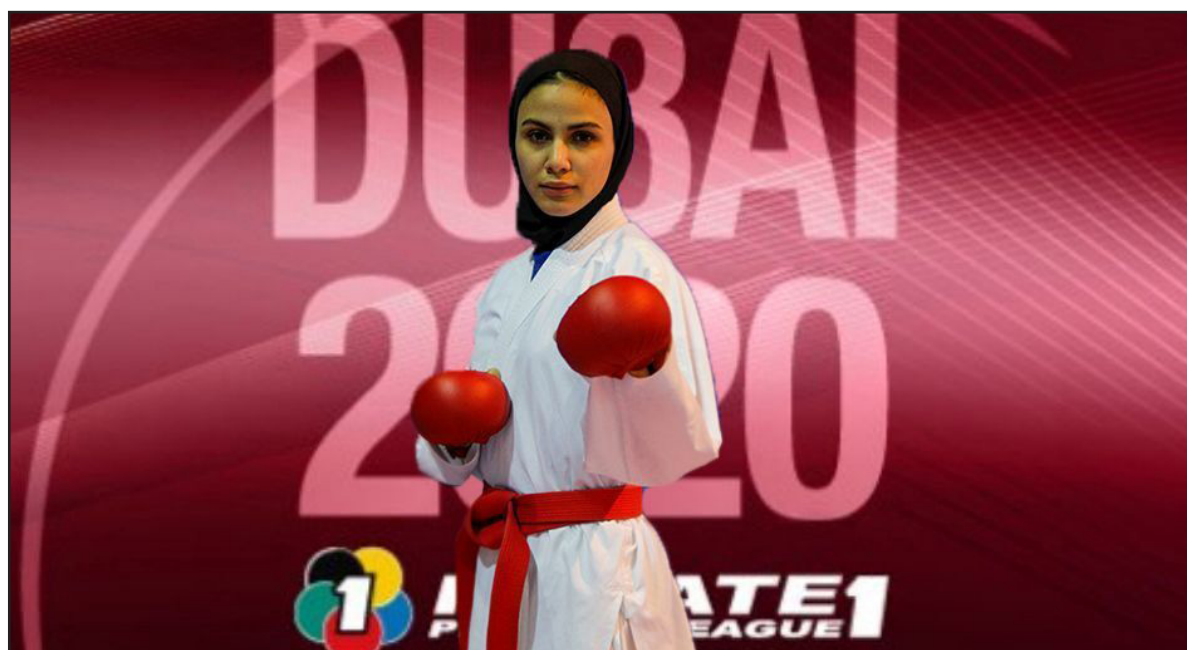


Iranian Women Karateka Bag Two Bronze Medals in Dubai



DUBAI (Dispatches) — Sara Bahmanyar and Rozita Alipour from Iran claimed bronze medal at the Karate 1-Premier League event in Dubai on Sunday. Bahmanyar defeated Aicha

Sayah from Morocco 3-2 in the bronze medal match of the women's under-50 kilogram kumite.

Alipour beat Nailya Gataullina from Russia 3-1 in the women's under-61 kilogram kumite bronze medal match Iranian karate fighters Shima Alesaadi in the women's under-60 kilogram kumite and Zabihollah Poorshab in the men's under-84 kilogram kumite have advanced to the final match.

Mahsa Afsaneh lost the competition in kata to an athlete from Hong Kong and came forth.

Nearly 600 fighters from 85 countries have registered, including all but two of the reigning world champions and 10 out of the 12 defending Premier League grand winners.

Pakar Snatches Silver at 2020 Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships



TASHKENT (Dispatches) — Iranian weight lifter Hossein Pakar in the weight category of 67kg grabbed a silver medal in snatch field in the 2020 Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships underway in Tashkent. Pakar could lift 124kg weight in the first round.

He also lifted 131kg and 135kg weights and received a silver medal.

Indonesia rival lifted 136kg weight and stood on the first place.

South Korean lifter ranked third and grabbed a bronze medal.

Monchengladbach Beat Dusseldorf 4-1 in Bundesliga

BERLIN (AP) - Lars Stindl's brace has helped Borussia Monchengladbach to down Fortuna Dusseldorf 4-1 and to put pressure on the top three at the 22nd round in Bundesliga.

Valon Berisha's header forced Monchengladbach goalkeeper Yann Sommer into to action with already 15 minutes played.

The visitors cut a better figure in front of the target and opened the scoring at the other end of the green as Marcus Thuram's pass into the path allowed Jonas Hofmann to beat Florian Kastenmeier with a one-timer into the far post corner in the 22nd minute.

Fortuna remained unimpressed and responded well on home soil as Erik Thom-



Monchengladbach's German forward Lars Stindl (center) celebrates scoring with his team-mates during the German first division Bundesliga football match Fortuna Dusseldorf v Borussia Monchengladbach in Dusseldorf, western Germany on Feb 15, 2020.

my made the most of Kaan Ayhan's pinpoint cross after overcoming Sommer with a turn shot seven minutes later.

The "Foals" thought they had restored their lead again in the 38th minute but Florian Neu-

haus' goal was ruled offside After the restart, both teams continued to exchange attacks but for all that it were the visitors who broke through the tie in the 52nd minute when Thuram's square pass found

Stindl, who made it 2-1 after beating onrushing Kastenmeier.

Monchengladbach controlled the proceedings on the pitch but remained wasteful with their chances. Dusseldorf however lacked in penetration and were unable to take advantage on the visitor's wastefulness.

Marco Rose's men destroyed all hopes of a comeback as Denis Zakaria's diagonal pass gave Stindl enough room to wrap up his brace into the top right corner in the 77th minute.

Dusseldorf's resistance was broken whereas Monchengladbach were not done with the scoring as Neuhaus eventually got his name of the scoreboards as well five minutes later.

Uganda's Cheptegei Smashes 5km World Record



Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei

MONACO (Reuters) - Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei shattered the 5km road world record in Monaco on Sunday, shaving 27 seconds off the mark set by Kenya's Rhonex Kipruto last month.

Cheptegei, the 10,000m world champion, crossed the finish line in 12 minutes and 51 seconds in his first race of the year to eclipse Kipruto's effort from the 10K Valencia Ibercaja in Spain last month. Kipruto had set the mark en route to the 10km road world record.

"Wow, this is really great. I had sub 13 minutes in my mind today so when my legs felt good during the race, I really decided to go for it," the 23-year-old Cheptegei said. "To take this many seconds of the record makes me very happy and is a great first test for me in an important season."

Frenchman Jimmy Gressier finished second in Monaco with a time of 13:18 to beat the European record of 13:29 set by Julien Wanders in the same race last year.

Vlhova Wins Slalom to Overtake Absent Shiffrin in Standings



Switzerland's Wendy Holdener speeds down the course during an alpine ski, women's World Cup slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020.

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia (AP) -- Petra Vlhova won her third straight women's World Cup slalom Sunday to overtake the absent Mikaela Shiffrin on the top of the discipline standings.

Vlhova was more than nine-tenths off the lead in fourth place after the first run but posted the fastest time in a free-flowing second.

The Slovakian skier, who also won in Zagreb and Flachau re-

cently and finished on the podium in 13 of the last 15 races, now leads the discipline standings by 20 points from Shiffrin.

The American three-time overall champion sat out the race, taking a break from skiing since the death of her father, Jeff Shiffrin, two weeks ago.

"I am so, so happy that I found something inside me," Vlhova said. "Because the first run I did really bad. The second run I tried

to push and at the end I was lucky."

Vlhova benefited from a rare mistake by first-run leader Anna Swenn Larsson.

The Swedish skier extended her lead to a massive 1.17 seconds at the final split. But with her first career win in sight, Swenn Larsson lost her balance a few gates from the finish and fell over.

"Of course I was really lucky because Anna, she was really fast," Vlhova said. "If she don't do the mistake, she wins of course. So, it's a different victory but it's still victory."

Switzerland's Wendy Holdener was 0.24 seconds behind Vlhova in second for her 24th career podium result in slalom without winning a race, a World Cup record.

Katharina Truppe of Austria finished third, trailing by 0.89.

The result extended the three-year winning streak of Shiffrin and Vlhova in World Cup slaloms.

The American six-time discipline globe winner and her Slovakian rival combined have won the last 26 slaloms, with Shiffrin racking up 19 wins and Vlhova seven.

Swenn Larsson's former teammate Frida Hansdotter remained the last skier other than Shiffrin or Vlhova to win a World Cup slalom, in Flachau in January 2017. Hansdotter added the Olympic title in 2018 before retiring last season.

Shiffrin remained in the lead of the overall World Cup, 113 points ahead of Italy's Federica Brigone. Vlhova trails by 154 points in third.

Brigone, who sporadically competes in slaloms, straddled a gate in her final run and failed to score points.

The women's World Cup continues with two downhill and an Alpine combined event in Crans Montana, Switzerland, next week.

Coleman, Crouser Close to World Records in U.S. Champions



Christian Coleman celebrates after winning the 60m in 6.37 at Albuquerque Convention Center.

NEW MEXICO (Reuters) - World record holder Christian Coleman equalled the second-fastest 60m ever and Olympic champion Ryan Crouser narrowly missed the indoor shot put world record at the U.S. championships in New Mexico on Saturday.

Coleman, the Tokyo Olympics 100m favorite, clocked 6.37 seconds, just 0.03 seconds off his world record.

Another sluggish start hampered his chance to break the record he set on the same track two years

ago at high-altitude Albuquerque where the rarified air helps sprinters and slows distance runners.

"I think I can execute my start a lot better," the 23-year-old world indoor and outdoor champion told NBC Sports.

"Even my top-end speed. We haven't worked on it a lot so in the next coming weeks I think that gives me a lot of confidence going into outdoors," added Coleman, whose mid-race speed enabled him to beat runner-up Marvin Bracy by more than a tenth of a second.