

Iran Greco-Roman Champion of 2019 Cadet World

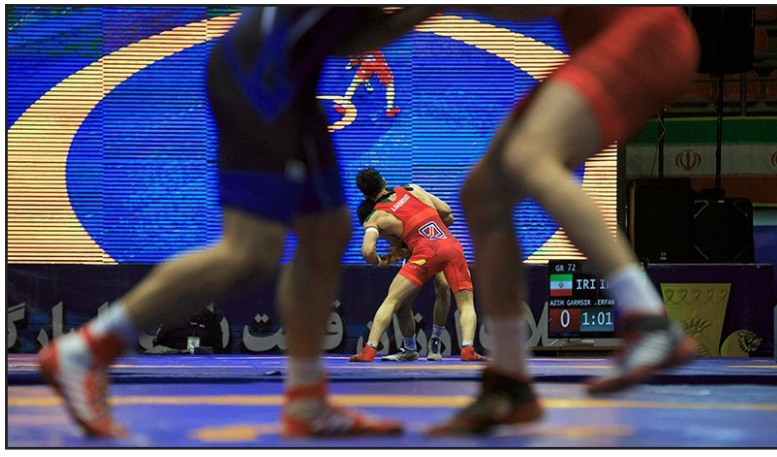
SOFIA, Bulgaria (Tasnim) – Iran Greco-Roman team won the title of the 2019 Cadet World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The Iranian team bagged four gold medals in the competition.

Reza Saki from Iran, a 2019 Cadet Asian silver medalist, beat Russian Stepan Starodubtsev, who was second at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, 4-1 for the crown at 71 kg.

For the title at 51 kg, Saeid Esmaeili used a first-period takedown to give him an eventual 2-1 win over Elmir Aliyev from Azerbaijan. It was both wrestlers' first World Championships.

Iran had won two gold medals on



the first day.

Amirreza Dehbozorgi won the gold medal at 48kg after defeating Ziya

Babashov from Azerbaijan 3-1 in the final.

Shahrokh Abouzar Mikaeili also

took gold, beating Armenian Razmik Kurdyan 1-0 in the 110kg final.

Securing two individual champions on Sunday, Iran won the team title with 148 points, followed by Azerbaijan with 123 points and Russia with 99 points.

Team results

1. Iran – 148
2. Azerbaijan – 123
3. Russia – 99
4. Kazakhstan – 73
5. Armenia – 73
6. Turkey – 70
7. India – 63
8. Georgia – 63
9. Ukraine – 62
10. Uzbekistan – 49

Kyrgios Fights Off Back Spasms to Win Citi Open Title

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Nick Kyrgios has overcome early back spasms to get the better of Russia's Daniil Medvedev in a pair of tiebreakers and win the Citi Open in Washington.

The Australian won 7-6(6) 7-6(4) over frustrated fourth-seed Medvedev for his sixth career ATP Tour victory. Kyrgios did not face a single break point and hit 18 aces, including two to close out the final.

Kyrgios, mixing baseline rallies with drop shots, came from 4-1



Nick Kyrgios with Citi Open trophy

down in the opening tiebreak to win it and took a medical time-out after the set, which seemed to help relieve the back spasms that had him stretching on the court during changeovers.

However, he still had trouble with Medvedev's serve, the Russian winning 80% of his service points for the match.

Kyrgios tied the second set at 6-6 before claiming his second victory of the year, again prevailing in a tiebreak.

Messi Out With Injury Ahead of La Liga Restart



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi is out of action with a calf injury 10 days before the start of the new season

BARCELONA (AFP) - Barcelona captain Leo Messi is out of ac-

tion less than two weeks ahead of the opening of La Liga season after

injurying his right calf in training on Monday.

"I wanted to get started and unfortunately I had a mishap during the first training session which will keep me out of action for a while," the five-time Ballon d'Or winner posted on Instagram.

The Argentina star has already been ruled out of the team's trip to Florida for a one-off friendly against Napoli in Miami on Wednesday.

"Tests carried out have diagnosed a grade 1 calf strain," the Spanish champions said in a statement, an injury that can require around two weeks of recuperation.

"Messi will remain in Barcelona

and will now not travel to the USA for the club's tour. His availability to come back to action will be dictated by his recovery from the injury."

Messi, who was at the Camp Nou on Sunday for the squad presentation ahead of the match against Arsenal, said he was sorry to be missing the Florida trip.

"I wanted to be with the team and with the people who follow us in the U.S.," said Messi.

"This time it will not be possible but we will meet again soon. I kiss you all."

The club open the new La Liga campaign at Athletic Bilbao on August 16.

Man City Beat Liverpool to Win FA Community Shield



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero and David Silva celebrate winning the FA Community Shield with team mates.

MANCHESTER (Dispatches) - Manchester City have defeated Liverpool on penalties to win the Community Shield at Wembley Stadium, after the contest had finished 1-all in normal time.

Former Liverpool player Raheem Sterling gave the Premier League Winners the lead in the 12th minute in a 1st half, which they dominated on Sunday. European Champions Liverpool, however, were far better

in the 2nd half and equalized through Joel Matip header in the 77th minute.

As there were no more goals, the match had to be decided in a penalty shootout, where the citizens converted all 5 of their spot kicks in ruthless fashion. Liverpool's Georginio Wijnaldum, however, had his effort saved by Claudio Bravo for last season's domestic treble-winning side to claim the Silverware in the traditional curtain-raiser.

Lochte Wins 200m Individual Medley After 14-Month Ban



Ryan Lochte competes in the men's 200-meter individual medley time trial at the US national swimming championships in Stanford, Calif., July 31, 2019.

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Ryan Lochte won the 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. national championships, fresh off a 14-month ban.

The 12-time Olympic medalist touched in 1 minute, 57.76 seconds on Sunday - 1.07 ahead of runner-up Shaine Casas - to earn his first national title since 2014. Lochte's time was quicker than his time-trial effort of 1:57.88 in the event four days earlier, which didn't toward qualifying for the

national team.

It was the lone victory and only final of the five-day meet for Lochte, who turned 35 a day earlier. He finished 37th in the 200 freestyle preliminaries, fourth in the C final of the 100 butterfly, and scratched the B final of the 100 backstroke.

Lochte was competing for the first time since the recent end of a 14-month suspension for receiving an infusion of vitamin B-12 above the allowable limit.

Bottas, Gasly Go Into F1 Break Feeling Pace

BUDAPEST (Reuters) – Valtteri Bottas and Pierre Gasly may find it harder than other drivers to unwind as Formula One enters its August pit-stop.

Neither did themselves any favors in Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix and both face uncertain futures at Mercedes and Red Bull respectively.

Bottas is out of contract at the end of the season as Lewis Hamilton's team mate at Mercedes and the Finn faces competition from the dominant champions' young French reserve Esteban Ocon.

"We will not be letting one race result influence our decision ... it's not going to be an easy one," Wolff added, emphasizing that the data would be crunched and a full



risk and reward assessment carried out.

That may sound like welcome news for Bottas, who started on the front row on Sunday and finished eighth to slip 62 points behind Hamilton after 12 of the 21 races.

But the weekend before, he crashed out in the wet at Hockenheim while on for a podium and with Hamilton

seemingly out of the points.

And on Sunday first lap contact with Hamilton and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc forced him to pit early and then fight back from last.

Bottas, who gets on well with Hamilton and the team, will be hoping he can celebrate his 30th birthday at the end of the month with another vote of confidence.

Palmeiras Lose Ground to Santos in Brazil

SAOPAULO (Reuters) – Brazilian champions Palmeiras drew 1-1 at arch rivals Corinthians, a result that left them trailing Serie A leaders Santos by four points.

Corinthians took the lead in the 13th minute when Manoel headed in off the post from a free kick but Felipe Melo equalized two minutes into the second half when he got above the home defence to nod home.

Palmeiras, who have now gone four league games without a win, are on 28 points after 13 games, four adrift of Santos, who beat Goias 6-1 earlier in the day.

Corinthians are in seventh place with 20 points.

Man Utd Pay World-Record Fee for a Defender



LONDON (AFP) - Harry Maguire became the world's most expensive defender on Monday when Manchester United signed him for a reported fee of £80 million (\$97 million).

"Manchester United is delighted to confirm the signing of Harry Maguire from Leicester City," the club said in a statement on its website.

"Harry signs on a six-year contract, with the option to extend for a further year."

The England international, 26, was strongly linked with both Manchester clubs over the summer but

Leicester held out for their valuation and the fee surpasses the £75 million Liverpool paid Southampton for Virgil Van Dijk in January 2018.

"I am delighted to have signed for this great club," Maguire told United's official website. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Leicester and would like to thank everyone at the club, and the fans, for their fantastic support over the past two seasons."

"However, when Manchester United come knocking on your door, it is an incredible opportunity.