

Russia Qualify for Tokyo Olympics After Beating Iran at IOQT

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Russia volleyball team has defeated Iran 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 25-23) at the men's volleyball tournament of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

It was not as easy as the final score might suggest, with Russia having to fight back from 17-20 down in the third set, before tying at 21-21, breaking clear with an ace of Egor Kliuka on Purya Fayazi for 23-22 and taking the final point on an attacking error by Amir Ghafour.

Victor Poletaev was top scorer of the game with 19 points (two more than Ghafour) as Russia dominated play in all skills and also took ad-



vantage of a full set's-worth of points on Iranian unforced errors.

Russia joined USA, Poland and Argentina, who had qualified ear-

lier on Sunday, plus Japan who had a spot by default as hosts in the 12-team lineup of Tokyo 2020. These leave two more tickets to be claimed by the end of Sunday's action.

Earlier on Sunday, Cuba mastered a 3-0 (21-18, 25-23, 25-22) win over Mexico with Jesus Herrera Jaime stringing up 26 points.

A further five teams will emerge in January from the Continental Olympic Qualifying Tournaments to complete the Tokyo 2020 line-up.

Iran should continue their qualification matches in Asia in order to find a spot in the Tokyo 20-20 Olympic Games.

Americans Protest on Medals Stand at Pan Am Games



In this Aug 9, 2019 photo, released by Lima 2019 News Services, Race Imboden of the United States takes a knee, as teammates Mick Itkin and Gerek Meinhardt stand on the podium after winning the gold medal in team's foil, at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Two Americans used their medal-winning moments at the Pan American Games to draw attention to social issues back home that they feel are spiraling out of control.

During their medals ceremonies at the multi-sport event in Lima, fencer Race Imboden took a knee and hammer thrower Gwen Berry raised her fist. Both athletes could represent the U.S. less than a year from now at the Tokyo Olympics, where similar protests would be seen by a much wider audience.

"Racism, gun control, mistreatment of immi-

grants, and a president who spreads hate are at the top of a long list" of America's problems, Imboden said in a tweet sent after his team's foil medals ceremony. "I chose to sacrifice my moment today at the top of the podium to call attention to issues that I believe need to be addressed."

"I encourage others to please use your platforms for empowerment and change." Berry raised her fist as America's national anthem was played to honor her win in the hammer throw. She called out injustice in America "and a president who's making it worse."

Nadal Wins 5th Roger Cup Title, Beating Medvedev

MONTREAL (AP) - Rafael Nadal won his fifth Rogers Cup title, beating Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-0 on in just 70 minutes Sunday at breezy IGA Stadium.

The 33-year-old Nadal won the event for the third time in Montreal. The first came in 2005 at age 19 over Andre Agassi, and the second in 2013. Nadal won in Toronto in 2008 and 2018.



Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates his win over Russia's Daniil Medvedev in the final of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal, Aug 11, 2019.

The second-ranked Spanish star won his 83rd singles title and third of the year, following clay victories in Rome and at the French Open. He extended his tour record for Masters 1000 titles to 35, two more than top-ranked Novak Djokovic.

Medvedev, from Russia, was seeded eighth. The match was his first against Nadal.

Man U Beat Chelsea 4-0 to Ruin Lampard's EPL Coaching Debut

MANCHESTER (Dispatches) — Manchester United beat Chelsea 4-0 to ruin Frank Lampard's debut as a Premier League coach in their season-opening game on Sunday.

Marcus Rashford scored twice, Anthony Martial grabbed another

and substitute Daniel James completed the rout on his debut, but it was also an impressive defensive performance from United with the world's most expensive defender, Harry Maguire, playing his role in keeping the visitors at bay.



Manchester United's Marcus Rashford shoots a penalty kick to score his sides first goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Chelsea at Old Trafford in Manchester, England, Aug 11, 2019.

Two-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Ramirez Loses Pro Debut



Robeisy Ramirez

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Two-time Olympic gold medalist Robeisy Ramirez has been knocked down seconds into the first round and lost his professional debut to Adan Gonzales.

Ramirez suffered a stunning split decision defeat at Temple's Liacouras Center, a crushing start for one of boxing's prized prospects. Gonzales won 40-35 and 39-36 on two scorecards and one judge scored the bout 38-37 for Ramirez.

The 25-year-old Ramirez won gold in two weight classes fighting for Cuba in the 2012 London Olympics and 2016 Rio Games. He defected from Cuba last year and signed a promotional deal with Top Rank.

Gonzales (5-2-2, 2 KOs) knocked down Ramirez with a left hook within 20 seconds of the first round and Ramirez never rallied to mount serious offense in the four-round bout.

Simone Biles Soars to 6th U.S. Gymnastics Title

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Dispatches) — American Simone Biles became the first woman in almost 70 years to win a sixth all-around title at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Kansas City.

The 22-year-old, a four-time Olympic gold medallist, scored 118.5, with 16-year-old Sunisa Lee second on 113.5.

The win moves her level with Clara Schroth Lomady, who won her sixth U.S. all-around title in 1952.

Biles became the first woman to attempt and land a triple-twisting, double back maneuver during her floor routine.

"It wasn't as good as in training," said Biles, who scored 29.45 for her floor routine.

Biles missed the championships in 2017 but has now won the U.S. all-around title six times in seven years.



Simone Biles has now won the U.S. all-around title six times. She has now won 20 straight all-around events in which she has competed, a run dating back to 2013.

Fans Call for Neymar's Departure as PSG Beat Nimes 3-0



PSG's supporters gather in the stands during the French League One soccer match between Paris Saint Germain and Nimes at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris, Aug 11, 2019.

PARIS (AP) - Fans expressed their anger at Neymar with chants and banners demanding his departure as Paris Saint-Germain started the defense of its French league title with a 3-0 win over Nimes on Sunday.

Neymar, who reported late to training from his summer holidays and has been linked with a move away from PSG to Barcelona or Real Madrid, was not included in coach

Thomas Tuchel's squad.

Some PSG hardcore fans mocked Neymar's behavior with one banner at the Parc des Princes saying "Get lost Neymar".

Neymar, who became the most expensive player in the world when he moved from Barcelona to PSG for 222 million euros (about \$250 million) in 2017, has made clear in recent weeks that he wants to leave the club.