

Ehsan Hadadi Wins Gold at Finland Event

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iranian discus thrower Ehsan Hadadi has claimed a gold medal in Espoo Grand Prix 2019 in Helsinki, Finland.

Hadadi won the gold with a throw of 63.72 meters.

Chinese athletes Nuermainaiti Tulake and Abuduaini Tuerhong won silver and bronze medals with 58.12m and 58.08m, respectively.

Hadadi competed and won a silver medal at the 2012 Summer Olympics with a 68.18 m throw, becoming the first Iranian discus thrower to win a medal at Olympics.



Iranian discus thrower Ehsan Hadadi

Medvedev Claims Cincinnati Title

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - Daniil Medvedev has finished off David Goffin in style with three straight aces to record a 7-6 (3), 6-4 win in the title match of the Western & Southern Open near Cincinnati.

The ninth-seeded Medvedev had 10 aces overall and won 90 percent of his first-serve points during a standout performance on the hardcourt in Mason, Ohio.

The win catapults Medvedev to No. 5 in the world rankings. It was the Russian's third straight final — he lost to Nick Kyrgios in Washington and Rafael Nadal in Montreal earlier this month. Medvedev furiously smashed his racquet during the final game against the 16th-seeded Goffin. He said it was because he was cramping up and



Aug 17, 2019; Mason, OH, USA; Daniil Medvedev (RUS) poses for a photo with the Rookwood Cup after defeating David Goffin (BEL) during the finals of the Western and Southern Open tennis tournament at Lindner Family Tennis Center.

feared he wouldn't be able to finish off the Belgian in straight sets.

"I started feel cramps at 5-3. First time in three weeks I started cramping — probably the nerves and rallies," Medvedev said. "Yesterday, my coach told me it has been 24 days in a row where I played tennis.

"I started cramping quite hard. Last game, it is 15-40 and I am cramping and it is going to be 5-all and I'm in a bad position. I made four serves he couldn't return and three of them were aces, just unbelievable."

The three aces gave Medvedev his fifth career victory and came one day after he outplayed top-seeded Serbian Novak Djokovic in an impressive three-set comeback in the semifinals.

Alonso Begins Preparations With Toyota's Dakar Rally Team



MADRID (AP) — Fernando Alonso will undergo an intense training program with Toyota ahead of next year's Dakar Rally.

The Japanese carmaker says Alonso will work with its Dakar Rally team in the next five months to "familiarize himself with the challenging rigors of rally raid."

Toyota says Alonso will take part in test sessions the rest of the year across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

It says Alonso "will push his limits to develop the off-road driving skills needed to tackle some of motorsport's most challenging events."

Alonso's participation in the January rally in Saudi Arabia still hasn't been officially confirmed. The 38-year-old Alonso took a test drive in March in the Toyota Hilux truck that won the Dakar Rally this year.

The two-time Formula One champion says he has always maintained his desire to pursue "new challenges in different disciplines" and that he is "really looking forward to the next few months of training."

Toyota says Alonso's training program begins Tuesday with a three-day test session in the deserts of southern Africa. He is expected to be back in action in September.

Blake Blasts Back With 100m Diamond League Win, Eyes World Champs

BIRMINGHAM, England (Reuters) - Former world champion Yohan Blake of Jamaica edged Britain's Adam Gemili in a photo-finish to win the 100 meters at the Birmingham Diamond League meeting on Sunday.

Both sprinters were given the same time of 10.07 seconds, with Blake declared the winner.

"It was coming," said Blake, the 2011 world champion who last won an individual global medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

The 29-year-old, who has been overshadowed by Americans Christian Coleman, Justin Gatlin and Noah Lyles in recent years, was aided by a 2.0 meters per second wind, just under the allowable.

"The weather wasn't great but I'm saving the big day for the world championships and the Diamond League finals in Zurich," said Blake. "I can run faster."

Coleman had withdrawn from the race earlier in the week and Cana-



dian triple Olympic medalist Andre De Grasse was a disappointing fifth in 10.13.

Olympic 400 meters gold medalist Shaunae Miller-Uibo of the Bahamas won her 11th consecutive 200 meters, turning back British European champion Dina Asher-Smith and Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

Miller-Uibo, who has not lost at the distance since 2017, pulled away from Asher-Smith with 70

meters to go and won in 22.24 seconds. Asher-Smith clocked 22.36 and Fraser-Pryce 22.50.

"The race didn't go to plan," said Miller-Uibo. "My start was just horrible and had to rely on that 400m speed to get through."

Olympic champions Nafissatou Thiam, Ekaterini Stefanidi and Omar McLeod also were winners on a day when swirling winds affected many performances.

Thiam twice broke the Belgian

long jump record, leaping 6.86 meters on her third attempt to show she will be ready to defend her world heptathlon title in Doha in October.

"It gives me confidence," said Thiam. "It's almost 20cm more than my PB (personal best)."

Serbian world indoor champion Ivana Spanovic was second, a mere centimeter behind, and British heptathlete Katarina Johnson-Thompson took third at the same distance after fouling on her first two attempts.

Greece's Stefanidi claimed the pole vault with a third attempt clearance at 4.75 meters and Jamaican McLeod dominated the 110 meters hurdles, winning in 13.21 seconds.

Compatriot Danielle Williams, the year's fastest in the 100 meters hurdles, easily defeated U.S. world record holder Keni Harrison, claiming victory in 12.46 seconds.

Iran Greco-Roman Team Comes 2nd at World Junior Championships

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran Greco-Roman Team has become runner-up at the United World Wrestling (UWW) World Junior Wrestling Championships in Tallinn, Estonia.

On the final day of the competition, Mohammadreza Mahmoud Rostami from Iran took a bronze medal in the 72kg weight category.

Iran had previously won two gold and two bronze medals in the competition.

Mohammad Aziz Naghousi of Iran defeated Russian Damir Rakhimov 2-1 in a tight match in the

77kg final.

Iran's Aliakbar Hossein Yousofi also won 2-1 against American Cohlton Michael Schultz to claim the 130kg gold.

Iranian representatives Pooya Soulat Dad Marz and Shahin Eid Badaghi Mofrad had also won two bronze medals in 55kg and 63kg respectively.

Final Greco-Roman Team Scores
GOLD - Russia (157 points)
SILVER - Iran (121 points)
BRONZE - Turkey (117 points)
Fourth - Georgia (91 points)
Fifth - Hungary (62 points)

Belgium Interested in Hosting 2023 Women's World Cup

ZURICH (AP) — Belgium has become the 10th country — and first from Europe — to express an interest in bidding for the 2023 Women's World Cup.

The submission is the only new entry following the FIFA Council decision last month to enlarge the competition from 24 to 32 teams.

Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Japan, New Zealand and South Africa are also interested in hosting the tournament despite having to cope with eight additional teams. The Republic of

Korea is still mulling a joint entry with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

A victory for Belgium would produce back-to-back European hosts after France staged this year's event.

Countries have until Sept 2 to confirm their participation in the contest before FIFA sends out official bidding requirements the following day.

Bid books have to be submitted by Dec 13. The FIFA Council is to vote on the host in May 2020.

Chilean Tennis Player Banned 8 Years for Match-Fixing

LONDON (AP) — Chilean tennis player Juan Carlos Saez has been banned for eight years for match-fixing.

The Tennis Integrity Unit says Saez refused to cooperate with its investigation and also failed to report "a corrupt approach" at a tournament.

Saez originally attracted the TIU's attention because of evidence of unusual patterns on betting markets around his matches.

Saez's career high ranking is 230. He is currently 1,082nd after his ranking dropped during the investigation. He hasn't played a tournament since November.

According to the TIU, 12 mostly low-ranked players have been sanctioned so far in 2019 for various charges related to match-fixing and betting, along with one coach and one umpire. Others are suspended while under investigation.

Briton Campbell Smashes Cycling Speed Record at 174mph



LONDON (Reuters) - British cyclist Neil Campbell has hit a speed record of more than 174mph to become the fastest man on bike with his pulsating ride at Elvington Airfield in North Yorkshire.

Campbell undertook the attempt using a 15,000 pounds (\$18,175.50) custom-built bike, which was pulled to speed by a Porsche Cayenne before being released on the runway, allowing the cyclist to break the record on his own steam.

He was timed at 174.33mph after going through a the 200-metre

speed trap as he beat the previous mark of 166.9 mph set by Dutchman Fred Rempelberg in 1995.

Campbell, who works as an architect in Essex, has said his next challenge will be to reach 220mph next year on a six-mile track at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

"We want to be the first team to go over 200 mile an hour," he said. "In fact, we think we can do 220 plus."

"We think we can go supersonic... we've got the bike, we've got the team, we looking at options with the car so you know, let's do it."