

Volleyballers Defeat Bulgaria at FIVB Volleyball U-19 World Championship

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran have defeated Bulgaria at the 2019 FIVB Volleyball Boys' U-19 World Championship.

Iran beat its European rival 3-1 (25-21, 21-25, 25-22, 25-20) in Pool B on Thursday.

Amir Hossein Toukhteh led Iran with 27 points and Denis Karyagin was Bulgaria's top scorer with 21 points.

Iran is pitted against the Czech Republic, Italy, Colombia and Bulgaria.



Iran will meet the Czech Republic on Friday.

The 2019 FIVB Volleyball Boys' U-19 World Championship is the sixteenth edition of the FIVB Volleyball Boys' U-19 World Championship, contested by the men's national teams under the age of 19 of the members of the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), the sport's global governing body.

The tournament is being held in Tunisia from August 21 to 30.

Juventus Begin Bid for 9th Title

TURIN (Dispatches) – The new Serie A kicks off with an emotional match for Gianluigi Buffon.

The veteran goalkeeper returned to Juventus after a season at Paris Saint-Germain and his first match back is at Parma, where he began his long and illustrious career.

Juventus is bidding for a record-extending ninth Serie A title.

Last season's runner-up, Napoli, also plays on Saturday, at Fiorentina.

Former Juventus coach Antonio Conte will have to wait for his debut as Inter Milan coach until Monday when it welcomes newly promoted Lecce.



Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo, right, drives the ball against Atletico Madrid, during the International Champions Cup soccer match Juventus vs. Atletico Madrid at Friends Arena in Stockholm, Sweden, Aug 10, 2019.

AC Milan and Roma also have new coaches and Marco Giampolo and Paulo Fonseca will take charge of their first matches against Udinese and Genoa.

Former Chelsea manager Maurizio Sarri will sit out Juventus' next two league games after receiving treatment for pneumonia.

The 60-year-old Juventus boss also missed last weekend's friendly against Triestina because of what was initially thought to be flu.

He has undergone further tests and will not be in the dugout for Serie A matches against Parma and Napoli.

Gymnastics Body Picks Hiroshima to Host 1st Parkour Worlds



LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) – The International Gymnastics Federation says Hiroshima will host the first world championships of parkour, moving ahead with its disputed control of the free-running sport.

The inaugural worlds are scheduled in April 2020 in the Japanese city which also staged the first official parkour competition organized by the gymnastics body last year.

The Olympic-recognized FIG's ambition for parkour - running, jumping and climbing on street furniture and architecture - is de-

scribed as a hostile takeover by the Parkour Earth group of national organizers.

FIG wants parkour to feature at the 2024 Summer Games in Paris as the IOC looks to add more urban events appealing to a young audience. Parkour Earth argues that codifying and commercializing their sport runs against its original spirit.

Parkour was incorporated as an official FIG discipline last December despite a protest campaign that used the hashtag (hash)WeAreNotGymnastics.

Quartararo Leads Marquez in FP1

LONDON (Dispatches) -Following the cancellation of last year's British GP, Silverstone underwent a complete resurfacing ahead of the 2019 event, with Honda's Marc Marquez setting pace on the new asphalt in the early stages.

The Honda rider established an early benchmark of 2m03.666s, which he soon improved to a 2m01.360s to go four tenths clear of the field.

Marquez continued to lower the benchmark, moving seven tenths clear of the rest with an effort of 2m01.037s after 15 minutes.

This time would be steadily chipped away at by both Quartararo and Vinales, with the latter getting to within 0.126s midway through before suffered a fast crash at Stowe corner.

He was unscathed and returned to the action in the latter stages to end up third-fastest, though some 0.740s behind Quartararo.

Marquez once again eked out a margin of four tenths with a 2m00.645s moments after Vinales's crash, and was finally usurped by Quartararo, who came close to the outright lap record with a 1m59.952s with three minutes remaining.

The Petronas SRT rider came under no threat through to the chequered flag, with Marquez only marginally improving to end the session 0.586s adrift.



Lakers to Play Two Preseason Games in China



Lakers, LeBron James to play two preseason games next season in China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers have released its 2019-20 NBA preseason schedule, with two games to be staged in China.

The club will play six games in total between October 5 and 18, including four in California against the Golden State Warriors, and two games against the Brooklyn Nets in Shanghai and Shenzhen.

The 2018-19 NBA season ended with the Toronto Raptors defeating the Warriors in the 2019 NBA Finals, becoming NBA champions for the first time.

Kuznetsov Banned From Russia Team for 4 Years

ZURICH (AP) -- Washington Capitals center Evgeny Kuznetsov tested positive for cocaine at the world championship and has been banned from the Russian national team for four years.

The International Ice Hockey Federation says Kuznetsov failed a doping test taken May 26 - the day Russia won the bronze medal game against the Czech Republic in Slovakia. The previous day, Russia lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Finland.

The IIHF says the ban expires on June 12, 2023. That excludes Kuznetsov from the 2022 Beijing Olympics.

The ban does not affect Kuznetsov playing for the Capitals, who won the 2018 Stanley Cup.



Iran Runner-Up at Asian Junior Wushu Championships



TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran's Wushu Junior team has achieved the second place in the Brunei Asian Championships bringing another success in the field.

The tenth round of the Asian Junior Wushu Championships which began on Monday with 400 Wushu players from 20 countries in Brunei ended on Friday.

In the end, the Iranian junior team in the Sanda Division won 6 gold, one silver and 4 bronze medals and won the second place in the competition.

China with 8 gold, 2 silver and one bronze medals was crowned champion, and Vietnam stood on the third place with 2 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze.

In total, in the Sanda and Taolu divisions, Iran won the third place in the Asian Championship with 7 gold, 5 silver and 11

bronze medals.

China came in first with 20 gold, two silver and one bronze, and Macau came in second with 9 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze, only because of more silver than Iran was ranked second. All of the Macau gold medals were achieved in Taolu.

Iranian team repeated the results of the previous round of the tournament held in South Korea in 2017. It also had finished runner-up in the previous round in Sanda, finishing third overall.

The Iranian team succeeded in this year's competition with domestic coaches, despite numerous financial difficulties.

In the previous period, the Iranian team had 3 Chinese coaches in various divisions and only Amir Oujaji was the Iranian head coach of Sanda.

Serena Williams Faces Sharapova in U.S. Open First Round



Serena Williams



Maria Sharapova

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - Serena Williams will play Maria Sharapova in the first round of the U.S. Open at Flushing Meadows in New York.

Britain's Johanna Konta faces Daria Kasatkina of Russia while Kyle Edmund will play Spain's Pablo Andujar.

Dan Evans faces Adrian Panarin of France while Cameron Norrie will take on a qualifier.

Novak Djokovic begins his title defense against Spaniard Roberto Carballes Baena while 2018 women's champion Naomi Osaka

plays Anna Blinkova of Russia.

Elsewhere in the men's draw, Spain's Rafael Nadal will play Australian John Millman while 20-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer will face a qualifier.

In the women's draw, 15-year-old Coco Gauff, who beat Venus Williams on her way to reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon last month, will play Russia's Anastasia Potapova. Meanwhile, Wimbledon champion Simona Halep will take on a qualifier.