

Iran Down Qatar at Asian Volleyball Championship



TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran have trounced Qatar in straight sets (25-18, 25-15, 25-17) at the 2019 Asian Men's Volleyball Championship at the Azadi Sports.

Team Melli will face Australia on Sunday.

The Tehran championship will also serve as the Tokyo 2020 Asian Olympic qualification tournament with

the top-eight teams making it to the Olympic qualifiers.

The 2020 Men's Asian Olympic Qualification Tournament will be held in Jiangmen, China from Janu-

ary 7 to 12, 2020.

Matchday Two Results:

Pool A:

*Iran 3-0 Qatar

*Australia 3-0 Sri Lanka

Pool B:

*Japan 3-0 Thailand

*Chinese Taipei 3-0 Hong Kong

Pool C:

*China 3-0 India

*Kazakhstan 3-0 Oman

Pool D:

*South Korea 3-0 Kuwait

*Pakistan 3-2 Indonesia

The 2019 Asian Men's Volleyball Championship is the twentieth edition of the Asian Men's Volleyball Championship, a biennial international volleyball tournament organized by the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) and Islamic Republic of Iran Volleyball Federation (IRIVF).

France Beat Australia 67-59 for Bronze Medal at World Cup

BEIJING (AP) - France has another bronze medal in the World Cup to go with one it won in 2014 - a measure of its world basketball status.

Australia still has none. Not a single medal in the Olympics, and now it's also been shut out at the World Cup.

France defeated Australia 67-59 on Sunday to take the third-place game as the World Cup wraps up a two-week run across China.

The Boomers are 0-4 in Olympic bronze-medal games, and now 0-1 in the World Cup - previously known as the world championship.

Nando De Colo scored 19 to



Rudy Gobert of France reaches for the ball over Aron Baynes, left, and Joe Ingles, right, of Australia during their third placing match for the FIBA Basketball World Cup at the Cadillac Arena in Beijing, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019.

lead France with 16 from Evan Fournier. Joe Ingles had 17 for Australia with 15 from Patty Mills. Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert, who scored 21 against the United States in a quarterfinal victory, scored only two points - but the French prevailed anyway, and will be the only medal-winning team from 2014 to win another this year.

Australia led for the entire game until France inched ahead 47-46 on two free throws with 9:01 left in the game. France continued to surge with Australia looking run down - much like its loss in the semifinals against Spain.

Fury Overcomes Wound, Wallin for Points Victory



LAS VEGAS (Reuters) - Britain's Tyson Fury overcame an early cut over his right eye to win a majority decision against his gutsy Swedish opponent Otto Wallin in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Fury was expected to cruise against his underdog challenger, but was forced to battle through the bloody cut and a relentless Wallin to maintain his unbeaten record.

The judges scored the bout 16-112, 117-111 and 118-110 in favor of Fury, but there were moments when

he faced real danger.

Wallin struck Fury with a left hook in an early round to open a bloody gash that had to be tended to for the remainder of the night.

The referee paused the fight in the sixth round to have the cut inspected, and that seemed to be the wake up call needed to ignite the 6-foot-9-inch boxer.

Fury came alive in the middle to late rounds, pounding Wallin with close range shots though not finishing him.

Marquez Wins San Marino MotoGP to Close In on Sixth World Title

MISANO ADRIATICO, Italy (AFP) - Spaniard Marc Marquez snatched victory on the final lap at the San Marino Grand Prix on Sunday to close in on a sixth world title.

The Honda rider, starting on the second row, took a third MotoGP win in Misano ahead of France's Fabio Quartararo, on a Yamaha-SRT, who had the lead for most of the race.

"At the end I just decided to go for it," said Marquez, who had been pipped at the line at the last two races in Silverstone and the Dutch GP.

Five-time world champion Marquez won the 77th Grand Prix of his career in all categories to overtake British legend Mike 'the bike' Hailwood.

The 26-year-old has won 51 MotoGP races, 16 Moto2 and ten Moto3. Marquez now has a 93-point lead on Italian Ducati rider Andrea Dovizioso with six races left this season. Dovizioso finished sixth on Sunday on front of his home crowd.

Pole sitter Maverick Vinales completed the podium for Yamaha.

"It was a very tough race," said Quartararo, 20. "It was the first time that I battled like that with Marquez."

Marquez has won five times in Misano and twice before in the MotoGP category in 2015 and 2017.



World champion Marc Marquez on his way to winning the San Marino MotoGP at Misano.

Kenyan Kamworor Breaks Half Marathon World Record by 17 Seconds



Kenya's Geoffrey Kamworor sliced 17 seconds off the world record at the Copenhagen Half Marathon on Sunday as he won in 58min 01sec

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) – Kenya's Geoffrey Kamworor broke the world half-marathon record by 17 seconds in Copenhagen on Sunday when he won the IAAF Gold Label road race with a time of 58 minutes and one second.

The 26-year-old made a winning return to the Danish capital, where he won his first world half-marathon title in 2014, breaking the previous record of 58:18 set by compatriot Abraham Kiptum in Valencia last year.

"It is very emotional for me to set this record," Kamworor was quoted as saying by the IAAF.

"And doing it in Copenhagen, where I won my first world title, adds something to it."

Kenya's Bernard Kipkorir finished second with a time of 59:16 while Ethiopia's Berehanu Wendemu Tsegu was third a further six seconds behind.

Kamworor was initially behind the world-record pace in the first five kilometers before he pulled ahead to finish the final 11 km without any rivals to push him.

Heavy rain in the latter stages of the race slowed him down a notch after he set a record pace to reach the 15-km mark but he was still fast enough to break the world record.

Neymar, Boomed All Game, Scores Stunning Late Winner for PSG



Neymar had the ball in the net just after his opening goal - but it was disallowed

PARIS (Dispatches) - Neymar was booed by his own fans throughout his Paris St-Germain return against Strasbourg - then scored an injury-time overhead-kick winner.

The Brazil forward missed the opening five games as he tried and failed to seal a move back to Barcelona.

"It is not the first time I have been booed by everyone," said the 27-year-old.

"It is sad but I know that, from now on, every game I play will be an away game."

PSG ultras booed Neymar when his name was read out before the game, when he touched the ball, when he took a corner and when he shot wide.

There was a mix of cheers and boos after he scored the late winner.

Neymar added: "I made it clear I have nothing against the fans, nothing against Paris St-Germain as a club."

"Everyone knows I wanted to leave. I am not going to get into the

details of what happened.

"It is time to turn the page. Today I am a Paris St-Germain player and I am going to give everything on the field."

Neymar's goal - earning his side a 1-0 victory - was a sensational acrobatic volley from Abdou Diallo's cross which went in off the post.

Neymar had the ball in the net for the second time moments later but it was disallowed by the video assistant referee for offside.

There were also chants and banners using vulgar language about Neymar, including a reference to the 20mn euros he had reportedly said he would pay in order to join Barcelona.

The forward wanted to move back to Catalonia in the summer, but Barcelona were unable to reach an agreement with PSG.

He missed the Trophee des Champions and opening four Ligue 1 games, only returning after the close of the transfer window.