

# Iran Volleyballers Beat Cuba at FIVB U-19 World Championship

TEHRAN (Dispatches) - Iran have overpowered Cuba in straight sets (25-19, 26-24, 25-22) in the Round of 16 of 2019 FIVB Volleyball Boys' U19 World Championship.

Bardia Sadaat collected a remarkable 23 points to be Iran's top scorer in the match.

"It was a very good game. Cuba was a very strong team physically. Having a good analysis of their performance, we managed to win three straight sets," said Sadaat after the match, according to Iranian volleyball federation. He said that the team will try its best in the quarterfinals.

Iran, the reigning champion, will lock horns with Russia on Wednesday in the quarterfinals.

"It was a hard game; Cuba was one of the strongest physical teams



of the event. They managed to even defeat Brazil in the group stage. The team arrived at this level by playing hard matches. It was important where we would recover and we today succeeded in the first playoff. Tomorrow we

will meet Russia and I'm happy that we played great today," said the team's coach Mohammad Vakili after the match.

The 2019 edition of FIVB Boy's World Championship kicked off on August 21 in Tunisia, Tunisia.

With two gold, two silver, and two bronze medals, Iran is the third most decorated team in the event after Brazil and Russia. Iranians won their first title in 2007 where they defeated China in the final. Iran has taken part in 11 out of 15 editions of the games so far managing to advance to the semi-final in eight ones.

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.

# Spain Edge Argentina 84-76 in FIBA World Cup Warm-Up



Quino Colom (right) of Spain competes during the 2019 International Men's Basketball Tournament between Spain and Argentina in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang Province, Aug 27, 2019.

NINGBO (AP) - Spain have turned the tables on Argentina in the final quarter for an 84-76 win in a pre-World Cup exhibition basketball game played in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province.

Ricky Rubio of the Phoenix Suns and the Hernangomez brothers all appeared on the game rosters, and the NBA players threw Ningbo basketball fans into a frenzy on Tuesday. 2019 NBA champion winner Marc Gasol was absent due to a sudden stomach issue before the match.

Nicolas Laprovittola pocketed six points at the beginning of the game, helping team Argentina

score an 8-3 run. Spain responded with two three-pointers, creating chances for the inside. Victor Claver's dunk outscored for Spain before the first break among the quarters, allowing his team to end the first quarter 25-23 ahead.

Although Gabriel Deck of Argentina kept chasing points in the second quarter, Spain got six three-pointers in the first half, putting them ahead of the South American powerhouse 42-37.

Spain was thrown into a tough game in the third period, seeing its old rival turn the tables and rebuild the lead to 58-57 going into the fourth.

# Nadal Eases Into 2nd Round at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - Rafael Nadal has opened his campaign at the U.S. Open with a commanding win over John Millman of Australia.

The 33 year old Spaniard who's bidding for a 4th title at Flushing Meadows, needed 2 hours and 9 minutes to see Millman off 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium. The 18-times Grand Slam champion broke early in each set, never allowing the Australian to take a lead. The 2nd seed saved all 3 breakpoints he faced while converting 5 of the 15 chances he earned. Awaiting Nadal in the next round is Australian wildcard Thanasi Kokkinakis, who overcame Ilya Ivashka of Belarus



in 4 sets. Dominic Thiem's latest shot at a Grand Slam glory came to an abrupt end at the U.S. Open following a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 loss

to Italy's Thomas Fabbiano. The 4th-seeded Austrian hit 14 aces and committed 48 unforced errors with more than half of the mistakes coming from his nor-

mally reliable backhand wing.

On the other side, the 30-year-old Italian save 9 out of the 10 break points he faced to book his next round spot in 2 hours and 23 minutes. Up next for Fabbiano is Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan. Meanwhile, 6th seed Alexander Zverev advanced to the 2nd round after surviving a 5-set clash against Moldova's Radu Albot. The German got off to a good start to take the 1st TWO sets 6-1, 6-3 but Albot roared back to level the match at 2 sets each and sent it to a decider in which Zverev triumphed 6-2. He hit 49 winners and fired 9 aces to wrap it up after 3 hours and 10 minutes.

# Gauff Erases Deficits to Win U.S. Open Debut

NEW YORK (AP) - Here's how new all of this is to Coco Gauff: She didn't quite realize she only has to play every other day at the U.S. Open.

"I'm still used to playing juniors," the American said with a chuckle,

"so I forgot about the day off." She's still just 15. She's competing in just her second Grand Slam tournament. And yet she's definitely showing she can perform like someone much older and more experienced.

# Kyrgios Accuses ATP of Being 'Corrupt'



NEW YORK (Reuters) - Australia's Nick Kyrgios could find himself in hot water again after accusing men's tennis governing body ATP of being "corrupt" following his U.S. Open first round victory on Tuesday.

The mercurial 24-year-old made the comment at a news conference when asked if he could have avoided an \$113,000 fine after his second-round defeat by Russia's Karen Khachanov at the Cincinnati Masters earlier this month. Kyrgios was fined for unsports-

manlike conduct, verbal abuse and audible obscenity after arguing with the chair umpire and smashing two rackets during a meltdown.

Having dispatched American Steve Johnson 6-3 7-6(1) 6-4 on Tuesday night, Kyrgios said that the fine had not affected his preparations for the year's final Grand Slam tournament.

"Not at all. The ATP is pretty corrupt anyway, so I'm not fussed about it at all," Kyrgios told a news conference.

# Jakobsen Edges Charging Bennett in Vuelta

EL PUIG, Spain (AFP) - Dutchman Fabio Jakobsen held off a remarkable fightback from Ireland's Sam Bennett to edge a photo finish and win the fourth stage of the Vuelta a Espana on Tuesday.

Jakobsen (Deceuninck-QuickStep) won a dramatic sprint to claim the narrowest of victories in El Puig, after Bennett had made an impressive recovery from taking a wrong turn around a roundabout.

Germany's Maximilian Walscheid (Team Sunweb) was third while his team-mate Nicolas Roche from Ireland retained the overall leader's red jersey.

Roche maintained his lead over his two Colombian chasers, with Nairo Quintana (Movistar) two seconds behind and Rigoberto Uran (EF Education First) a further six seconds back.

Jakobsen picks up his first grand tour victory in his debut appearance at the Vuelta after another relatively flat, 175.5-kilometre stage, that was always likely to play to the sprinters.



Fabio Jakobsen, in the Dutch champion's jersey, edged Sam Bennett, in the white of Bora, and Max Walscheid of Sunweb to win the Vuelta sprint in El Puig.

# Spanish Grand Prix to Remain on F1 Calendar in 2020

LONDON (Dispatches) - The Spanish Grand Prix will retain a place on the Formula 1 schedule next year, the sport has confirmed.

There had been doubt about the future of the event at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya because of financial troubles.

But local government funding has been retained to secure the 2020 race.

The move could mean F1 will have a record 22-race schedule next season with races being added in the Netherlands and Vietnam.

Only Germany is set to drop off this year's 21-race schedule after Mexico's place was confirmed until 2022.

Governing body the FIA is yet to publish a provisional calendar for next year as bosses struggle to squeeze the longest ever season into the nine months between 15 March, when the championship starts in Melbourne, Australia, and the final race in Abu Dhabi in late November or early December.

# MotoGP Unveils Draft Calendar for 2020



BANGKOK (Dispatches) - MotoGP has unveiled an official draft calendar for the 2020 season, which includes a change in date for the Thailand Grand Prix and a provisional slot for the returning Finnish GP

The Thai race, which made its debut on the calendar last season, was originally thought to be grouped with another of the Asian flyaway races to break up the traditional triple-header of Japan, Australian and Malaysia.

However, Thailand has now been moved to the second slot on the schedule on March 22, with the season kicking off in Qatar on March 8.

This means the triple-header flyaway portion of the calendar will remain intact for '20 from October 18 to November 1, with the Aragon GP taking over the early October slot formerly held by Thailand.

Austin will return to its original pre-Argentina slot two weeks after Thailand, with a fortnight splitting

the race Americas and Argentine Grands Prix.

Subsequently, the World Championship will head to Europe, with the Spanish Grand Prix at Jerez once again taking place on the first weekend of May.

Like this year, the French, Italian and Catalan Grands Prix will follow, while the German race at the Sachsenring will swap with the Dutch TT and will run on June 21.

The first Finnish Grand Prix since 1982 will round off the first half of the season on July 12, with the Czech and Austrian GPs running back-to-back when action resumes at the start of August.

The British Grand Prix at Silverstone - which extended its deal to host the race to the end of '21 following a complete resurfacing - will once again take its place on the August Bank Holiday weekend, with the San Marino race at Misano following.