

Serbian, Iranian Wrestling Federations Sign MoU



TEHRAN (Dispatches) – Head of Serbian Wrestling Federation Zeljko Trajkovic has met and held talks with Iranian counterpart Alireza Dabir and two sides have a memorandum of understanding (MoU).

The Serbian official also visited the facilities of the camp of national team of Iran.

Holding joint camps and using sports facilities between the two countries are among the priorities of the MoU.

Last night, Trajkovic also met Chairman of the National Olympic Committee of Iran Reza Salehi-Amiri.

During the meeting, the two sides stressed the need to promote relations in the field of sports.

Iranian Trio Nominated for AFC National Team Player of Week



TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Sardar Azmoun, Mehdi Taremi and Ali Gholizadeh have been nominated for AFC National Team Player of the Week.

Supplying the pass for Azmoun's strike was Gholizadeh, who continued his terrific recent club form with a fine display for his country.

With a handful of Asia's top national sides in action for the first time in 2020, attention this week has turned to the international game, where some of the continent's biggest names reminded us of what we've been missing.

The Belgium-based attacking midfielder emerged as one of the best performers on the night and would have had two assists had Azmoun not missed an even better chance in the early stages of the clash.

Sardar Azmoun

75 minutes, 1 goal (2-1 v Uzbekistan)

One of Asia's top strikers celebrated his return to the international stage by finding the back of net, with Iran's Azmoun playing a key role in his side's 2-1 win over Uzbekistan last Thursday.

The Zenit Saint-Petersburg star was arguably the best known of the Iranian arrivals in Tashkent, and he lived up to his billing when he rocketed the ball past Eldor Suyunov from 25 yards just before half-time, helping Team Melli to a first win under new head coach Dragan Skočić.

Ali Gholizadeh

75 minutes, 1 assist (2-1 v Uz-

Mehdi Taremi

72 minutes, 1 goal (2-1 v Uzbekistan)

He may be yet to open his account at new club FC Porto, but Taremi added to his international tally while on Iran duty, converting a penalty kick he won himself against Uzbekistan.

Taremi easily skipped around Uzbekistan's Suyunov to draw the foul, before sending the shot-stopper the wrong way to make it 2-0 on the night, and three goals in his last four matches for the national team.

The Iranian trio will vie with Al-moez Ali (Qatar), Eldor Shomurodov and Igor Sergeev (Uzbekistan) as well as Takehiro Tomiyasu and Gaku Shibasaki from Japan.

FIVB Selects Iran to Host 2021 Volleyball Boys' U19 World Championship

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – FIVB Board of Administration, the international body has confirmed Iran to host the 2021 FIVB Volleyball Boys' U19 World Championship.

Following an open bidding process and the approval of the FIVB Board of Administration, the FIVB has confirmed the hosts for the next editions of the FIVB Volleyball Age Group World Championships.

After careful evaluation of all the proposals received, the countries below were approved as hosts for the following World Championships:

- FIVB Volleyball Girls' Under



18 World Championship – Mexico

• FIVB Volleyball Boys' Under

19 World Championship – Iran

• FIVB Volleyball Women's Under 20 World Championship – Netherlands and Belgium

• FIVB Volleyball Men's Under 21 World Championship – Italy and Bulgaria.

The 2021 FIVB Volleyball Boys' U19 World Championship will be the seventeenth edition of the FIVB Volleyball Boys' U19 World Championship, contested by the men's national teams under the age of 19 of the members of the FIVB, the sport's global governing body.

Germany Ties Switzerland in UEFA Nations League

BERLIN (Reuters) - Germany have rallied back twice to share the spoils with Switzerland in the UEFA Nations League A Group 4 in Cologne.

Germany recorded their second straight draw after Serge Gnabry scored the equalizer to make it 3-3 and secure a point on home soil.

The hosts had a bright start to the game, but Switzerland's Mario Gavranovic had all the time and space to open the scoring just five minutes in.

Gavranovic remained in the thick of things and had a golden chance to double the advantage but goalkeeper Manuel Neuer redeemed his moment of madness in the 16th minute.

Switzerland continued on the front foot and doubled their lead on 26 minutes when Toni Kroos' misplaced pass



Germany's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer fails to save the ball during the UEFA Nations League football match Germany v Switzerland in Cologne, Western Germany, on Oct 13, 2020.

allowed Remo Freuler to chip the ball over Neuer from a tight angle.

The second goal was a wakening call for Joachim Low's men as Timo Werner halved the deficit moments later after dancing through Switzerland's defence and beat Yann Sommer with a low shot into the far post corner.

Germany piled on the pressure before the break, but Switzerland's Sommer was on guard twice to deny long-range efforts from Robin Gosens and Kroos.

After the interval, Germany came close through Kai Havertz, who rattled the woodwork from inside the box in the 49th minute.

Germany's efforts paid off in the 55th minute when Havertz rounded off his solo run with a well-placed shot past Sommer to make it 2-2.

Ukraine Stun Spain in UEFA Nations League

KYIV (Reuters) - Ukraine have pulled off a shock 1-0 win at home to Spain in the UEFA Nations League at a raucous Olympic Stadium in Kyiv as fans savored a first ever victory over the 2010 World Cup winners.

Andriy Shevchenko's side took the lead against the run of play in the 76th minute when Viktor Tsygankov took David de Gea by surprise by firing home from outside the area, after latching on to an outstanding reverse pass from Andriy Yarmolenko.

The goal was wildly celebrated by the whole Ukraine team and some 21,000 fans spaced out across the stadium, with the hosts taking advantage of UEFA regulations allowing 30 percent capacity at certain matches in an easing of coronavirus restrictions.

Ukraine had lost their last three outings, including a 4-0 reverse to Spain last month and a 7-1 thrashing at the hands of France in a friendly last week, after losing six players due to COVID-19 positives.

Neymar Surpasses Ronaldo as Brazil's Second-Highest Goalscorer

LIMA (Reuters) - Brazil twice has come from behind to beat Peru 4-2 in their World Cup qualifier, as Neymar netted a hat-trick and overtook Ronaldo as the second-highest scorer in the history of Brazil's national team.

Everton forward Richarlison also struck for the visitors while Andre Carillo and Renato Tapia were on target for Peru at Estadio Nacional.

Neymar's performance saw him overtake Ronaldo as the second-highest scorer in the 106-year history of Brazil's national team. The Paris Saint-Germain forward has now scored 64 times in 103 appearances as he bears down on Pele's mark of 77 goals set almost half a century ago.



Brazil's Neymar, right, and Peru's Luis Advincula vie for the ball during their 2022 FIFA World Cup South American qualifier football match at the National Stadium in Lima, on October 13, 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ecuador Beat Uruguay to Secure 1st Win in FIFA World Cup Qualifier



Uruguay's Luis Suarez, left, is challenged by Ecuador's Mario Pineida during a qualifying soccer match for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 at the Casa Blanca stadium in Quito, Ecuador, Oct 13, 2020. (PHOTO / AFP)

QUITO (Reuters) - Michael Estrada scored a brace as Ecuador beat Uruguay 4-2 here to secure their first win in the South American 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

Moises Caicedo gave the hosts an ideal start at Rodrigo Paz Delgado stadium when he connected with Angel Mena's swinging cross with a flicked header that left goalkeeper Martin Campana with no chance.

Estrada then struck in first-half stoppage time by pounc-

ing on a clumsy Diego Godin clearance to dispatch a low first-time shot past Campana.

The Toluca forward netted again with a long-range effort just after the restart, before Gonzalo Plata's tame strike rolled in off Campana's right glove.

Luis Suarez pulled back two late goals for Uruguay from the penalty spot: first after Diego Palacios brought down Jonathan Rodriguez and then following Christian Noboa's poor challenge on Ronald Araujo.