

Iran's Mixed Team Recurve Open Gains Gold



TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Iran's Mixed Team Recurve Open has claimed a gold medal at the third edition of the Asian Para Games.

The Iranian team, consisting of Zahra Nemati and Gholamreza Rahimi, defeated Japan (Chika Shigesada and Tomohiro Ueyama) 6-0 in the final on Thursday and won a gold medal.

Iran's Hadi Nouri and Razieh Shirmohammadi also claimed a silver medal at the Mixed Team Compound Open - W2/ST.

About 3,000 athletes with disabilities from a record 43 countries and territories are taking part in the games that opened in the Indonesian capital on Saturday.

The Asian Para Games will run through October 13.

AFC Champions League Final to Be Played in Qatar



KUALA LUMPUR (Dispatches) – This year's AFC Champions League single-leg final will be held in Doha, Qatar on Dec. 19, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Friday.

Following the successful conclusion of the AFC Champions League 2020 West Zone in Qatar recently, and the upcoming preparations to host the East Zone matches next month, the Qatar

Football Association (QFA) has met all the necessary hosting capability and capacity and medical infrastructure, the football governing body said in a statement.

AFC general secretary Windsor John said the COVID-19 pandemic has complicated the decision on the venue this year, especially over travel and health restrictions.

Karate 1-Premier League Cancelled Due to COVID-19

MOSCOW (Dispatches) – The 2020 Karate 1-Premier League event in Moscow has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The World Karate Federation (WKF) decided to cancel the event in coordination with the organizers and local authorities.

As a result of rising coronavirus cases in the Russian capital, the required safety and health conditions for the event could not be guaranteed.

Competition had been scheduled to take place from October 2 to 4, but was postponed to December in July.

The competition in Moscow should have been the last event



of the year in the Karate 1-Premier League series.

The circuit opened in Paris, before stops in Dubai and Salzburg.

Competitions in the Moroccan capital Rabat and Madrid were also cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The WKF recently announced the 2020 and 2021 Karate 1-Premier League seasons will be merged into one, with grand winners to be announced late next year based on their results over the two campaigns.

This year's Karate World Championships in Dubai were also postponed until 2021, insidethegames.biz reported.

Mbappe Sends PSG Top With Brace at Nimes



Kylian Mbappe scored his third and fourth Ligue 1 goals of the season in the win over Nimes

PARIS (Dispatches) – Kylian Mbappe shrugged off any lingering fatigue to score twice in his second game in 48 hours as Paris Saint-Germain defeated 10-man Nimes 4-0 on Friday to take over top spot in Ligue 1.

The France forward struck the opener on 32 minutes at the Stade des Costieres and netted again late on as a weary Nimes folded following the early dismissal of centre-back Loick Landre.

Alessandro Florenzi scored PSG's second on 77 minutes and Pablo Sarabia notched a fourth for the reigning champions as PSG climbed above Rennes on goal difference after a fifth successive win.

New signings Moise Kean and Rafinha made their PSG debuts with a host of players missing following the international break and just four days ahead of the visit of Manchester United in the Champions League.

Neymar sat out the trip after scoring a hat-trick for Brazil in a World Cup qualifier in Peru that did not finish until the early hours of Wednesday in Europe.

However, Mbappe was handed a second start in three days having scored the winning goal for France midweek in their Nations League match in Zagreb.

PSG lost Leandro Paredes to an injury inside 10 minutes. The mid-

fielder had started both of Argentina's World Cup qualifying wins over Ecuador and Bolivia in the past week.

Landre was sent off moments later for a rash challenge on Rafinha, raking his studs down the side of the ex-Barcelona player's ribs.

Ander Herrera, cleared to return after a positive Covid-19 test, drew the first in a series of superb saves from Nimes goalkeeper Baptiste Reynet having replaced the injured Paredes.

But Mbappe gave PSG the lead after he was played through by Rafinha, rounding the advancing Reynet before slotting in his third league goal of the campaign.

Everton loanee Kean should have added a second but was denied by an alert Reynet, with Idrissa Gueye and Florenzi also testing the Nimes keeper.

Florenzi rattled the post twice in the second half, with a volley and header, but the Italy defender eventually gave PSG room to breathe as he nodded in Sarabia's header back across goal.

Mbappe promptly grabbed his second of the night with another nerveless finish after Sarabia shredded a tiring Nimes defence.

The Spaniard then caught out the hosts from a quickly-taken free-kick to smack in a fourth through the legs of Reynet two minutes from the end.

Ronaldo Denies Breaking Virus Protocol After Italy Return



Cristiano Ronaldo tested positive for Covid-19 after facing France in the Nations League

TURIN, Italy (Dispatches) – Cristiano Ronaldo shot back at Italy's sports minister on Friday by denying that he broke the coronavirus protocol adopted for the country's football after returning from international duty while positive for the disease.

Juventus forward Ronaldo is currently quarantined at his home in Turin after travelling from Portugal in an air ambulance following a positive Covid-19 test while with his national team for Nations League matches.

"I never broke the protocol," Ronaldo said on Instagram, adding that he travelled after gaining authorization to do so and

had avoided contact with other people.

"Someone, whose name I'm won't say, here in Italy ... says that I didn't respect the protocol, that is simply a lie.

"I am continuing my quarantine, I am alone, my family is on another floor, we can't be in contact and it will be like that at least for the next 10 days."

Minister of Sport Vincenzo Spadafora said on Thursday that he thought the Portugal captain Ronaldo had broken protocol by leaving Italy while Juventus were in isolation following two Covid-19 cases among the team's non-playing staff.

Quartararo Takes Pole at Aragon MotoGP

LONDON (Dispatches) – Fabio Quartararo was flicked from his Petronas SRT Yamaha in FP3 at Turn 14 and had to be taken to the medical centre for checks on his hip – though was found to have escaped broken bones.

FP4 pacesetter Franco Morbidelli set the early pace on his Petronas SRT Yamaha with a 1m48.090s, though he would be deposed by Q1 graduate Jack Miller.

The Pramac rider fired in a 1m47.657s on his Ducati, while Morbidelli's second lap put him just 0.002 seconds adrift.

Two minutes later, Quartararo showed no obvious ill-effects from his FP3 crash to take over provisional pole with a 1m47.657s to lead Morbidelli by 0.089s as the first runs came to an end.

Maverick Vinales moved the goal posts with two minutes to go on the works team M1 with a 1m47.125s, and improved marginally on his final



lap to a 1m47.122s.

But Quartararo would deny his Yamaha stablemate, the Frenchman digging deep for a 1m47.076s in his last effort to claim his fourth pole of 2020.

Vinales held onto second, while LCR's Cal Crutchlow registered his first front row since last year's U.S.

GP in third.

Morbidelli found himself shuffled off the front row at the chequered flag into fourth, with Miller and Suzuki's Joan Mir completing the top six.

Takaaki Nakagami just missed out on a place on the second row in seventh on his LCR Honda, with Q1

pacesetter Danilo Petrucci eighth on the Ducati ahead of Aprilia's Aleix Espargaro.

Espargaro and his KTM-mounted brother Pol made contact in the latter stages of Q2 at the last corner, with the latter ending up 12th behind Honda rookie Alex Marquez and the sister Suzuki of Alex Rins.

Dovizioso's tough Aragon GP weekend took another sour turn as he was knocked out of the Q2 progression slots by his own Ducati stablemates Petrucci and Miller.

Showing a rare outburst of anger as he returned to his garage, Dovizioso will start Sunday's race from 13th and his title hopes appear to be slipping away from him.

KTM's Brad Binder will start alongside in 14th from KTM counterpart Iker Lecuona on the Tech 3 RC16, with Johann Zarco (Avintia) heading the struggling Pramac Ducati of Francesco Bagnaia.