

# Iran Disabled Female Air Pistol Team Grabs World Championship



TEHRAN (IRNA) – Female Iranian disabled air pistol shooters team hit the world record in ten meter contest and grabbed world championship, it was announced on Monday.

The disabled Iranian athletes comprising Sareh Javanmardi, Aliyeh Mahmoudi, Samira Eram, Masoumeh Khodabakhshi, Kobra Rezaei and Mehdi Zamani scored 1107 points in the tournament leading to championship of the Iranian team.

Ukraine with 1100 points and Russia with 1053 points ranked second and third respectively.

Some 40 air pistol shooters from various countries round the globe took part in the tournament.

Some 272 shooters from 47 countries took part in the world championship in Croatia and the top qualifier can reserve direct tickets for Paralympic Games in Rio.

## Russia Dumps Capello as Coach Before World Cup Finals

MOSCOW (Reuters) - The Russian Football Union (RFU) said on Tuesday it had ended its contract with national team coach Fabio Capello, three years before the country hosts the 2018 World Cup finals.

It did not immediately name a successor for the 69-year-old Italian though local media have quoted sources as saying CSKA Moscow coach Leonid Slutski is likely to take over.

"The Russian Football Union and the head coach of Russia's national team, Fabio Capello, have reached an agreement to terminate the employment contract by mutual agreement," the RFU said on its website.

Capello, who managed England at the 2010 World Cup, took over as Russia coach in July 2012 and had extended his contract until the end of the 2018 tournament.

He took the team to the World Cup finals in Brazil last summer but Capello's side were knocked out in the group stages.

The team's form has not improved since then and they suffered a disappointing 1-0 loss at home to Austria in their Euro 2016 qualifier on June 14, leaving them third in Group G with eight points from six games.

The RFU had been holding talks with Capello over his contract since late June. Russian sport news agency R-Sport on Tuesday put the level of the compensation at 930 million roubles (\$16.34 million).

Nikita Simonyan, the RFU's acting president, said last week that all debts owed to Capello until the end of the 2014/15 season had been paid off.

## Cyclist Kamp Wins 9th Stage of Tour of Qinghai Lake

LANZHOU, China (Xinhua) - Marko Kamp from Slovenia's Adria Mobil came first in the 14th Tour of Qinghai Lake, putting on the green jersey as the best sprinter.

Mattia Gavazzi from Italy Amore & Kamp Vita-selle Smp and Andriy Kulyk of Kloss-Bdc TEAM came second and third.

"It was so hot today, but it's not bad for me. I will save energy and try my best in the following stages," Kamp said.

Colorado from Ningxia Sports Lottery-focus Cycling Team grabbed the polka-dot jersey as the best climber at 24 points.

Hossein Alizadeh of RTS-Santic Racing Team retained his yellow and blue jersey, which represent the leader of general classification, best Asian rider respectively.

This stage is from Linxia to Dingxi, covering a total distance of 203 kilometers.

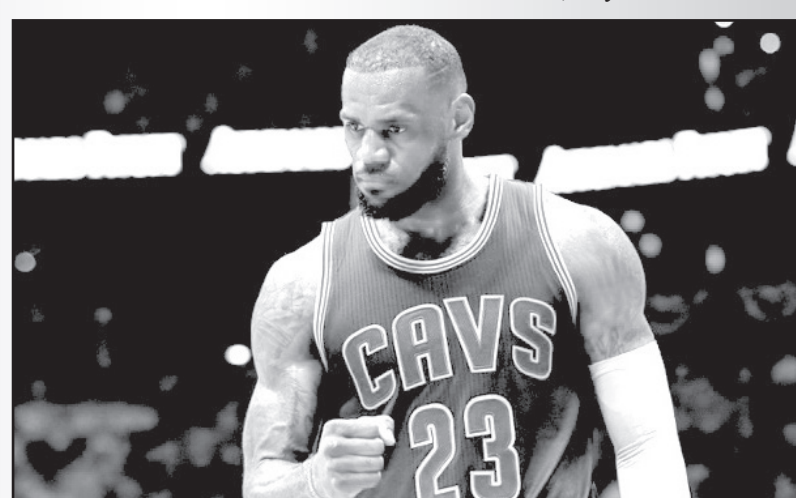
## LeBron James Signs Two-Year Contract With Cleveland Cavaliers -- Reports

LONDON (The guardian) - LeBron James will saddle up again for the Cleveland Cavaliers after agreeing a two-year contract with the team, according to ESPN. The deal is understood to be worth up to \$46.9m, with the second year a player option.

James had not talked to any other teams during free agency, and was never expected to leave his hometown team. Rather, any negotiations on James's part are to maintain flexible contracts to take advantage of rising salary caps.

The move reaffirms James's target of winning an NBA championship with the Cavaliers. He came agonizingly close last month, as the Cavs went

down 4-2 to the Golden State Warriors in the NBA finals. The last two times James was a free



LeBron James was outstanding in the NBA finals but could not lead his team to the championship

agent he moved teams - from the Cavaliers to Miami Heat in 2010 before a return to Cleve-

land in 2014.

Another of the Cavaliers' stars, Kevin Love, says his new five-

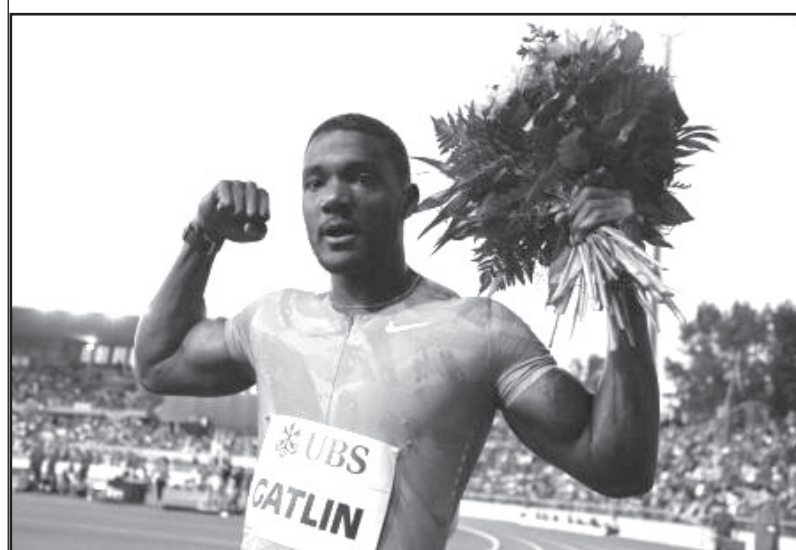
year, \$113.2m contract with the team is "inked and official". Love said he had met with James

before free agency to discuss the team's future, with forward Tristan Thompson also expected to complete a deal in the coming days.

"I expressed this to LeBron and he'd been through it a couple of times now - I can actually go wherever I want and pick the team I want to play for," Love said on Thursday.

"But every time I went through the different scenarios I always came out at the same place, and that was to be in Cleveland and try to win championships. I would be able to really help this team win and going forward make a very big impact on this team and on this city, trying to bring a championship or championships."

## Gatlin Ineligible for Annual Award, IAAF Says



Justin Gatlin of the U.S. celebrates after winning the 100 meters men event at the IAAF Diamond League Athletics meeting at the Pontaise Stadium in Lausanne, Switzerland, July 9, 2015.

NEW YORK (Reuters) - American sprinter Justin Gatlin could win world championships and go undefeated for a second consecutive season but he would still not

be ineligible for the sport's athlete of the year award, the IAAF said.

A change in selection criteria makes any athlete who has been sanctioned for a serious doping

offence ineligible to be shortlisted for the honor, effective this year, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) spokesman Nick Davies told Reuters in an email.

Gatlin, the fastest man over 100 and 200 meters in 2015, was banned for four years after a 2006 positive test for testosterone.

He has returned to the sport and is favorite to dethrone Jamaican world record holder Usain Bolt in both sprints at the world championships in Beijing in August.

Davies said the IAAF Council approved the change at a meeting last November on the recommendation of the IAAF Athletes Commission. It came after uproar over Gatlin's inclusion on the top 10 male athletes of the year list for 2014 under existing rules.

The American was not among

the three finalists for the honor which was won by French pole vaulter Renaud Lavillenie.

"Several Council Members expressed concern that the IAAF could encounter legal challenges if the Athletes' Commission's recommendation that no athlete who has been sanctioned for a serious doping offense should be shortlisted for the Athlete of the Year award was approved," minutes from the meeting recorded.

"However, the majority of Council Members who took the floor supported this recommendation because it enhanced the credibility of the sport, it protected the rights of clean athletes and it assisted in further establishing inappropriate behavior in the sport that would not be honored by the IAAF in the future."

## Juventus Sends Tevez to Boca, Gets 4 Players in Return

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Juventus made Carlos Tevez's transfer to his hometown club Boca Juniors official on Monday, and announced it is getting options on four players in return.

Juventus sold Tevez for 6.5 million euros (\$7.2 million) — although the European runner-up won't see that money.

That's because Juventus is paying Boca 3.5 million euros (\$3.9 million) to acquire forward Guido Vadala on a two-year loan, plus 1 million euros (\$1.1 million) each for the rights to midfielders Rodrigo Bentancur Colman, Franco Sebastian Cristaldo and Adrian Andres Cubas.

Juventus can purchase Vadala's full rights for 9.4 million euros (\$10.5 million) by April 2017.

The 31-year-old Tevez was introduced to thousands of fans at Boca's La Bombonera stadium in Buenos Aires and said it was "the happiest day" of his life. Among those in attendance was Argentina great Diego

Maradona.

"Boca is unique, nobody can understand the feeling that one can have for Boca," said Tevez, who kissed the grass at the famed stadium.

He was a fan favorite when he played for Boca from 2001-2004 and has repeatedly said he wants to end his career with the Buenos Aires club.

Tevez left Boca to play for Brazil's Corinthians, then West Ham, Manchester United and Manchester City in England, before joining Italian champion Juventus two years ago on a three-year contract.

While scoring 50 goals for Juventus over the past two seasons, Tevez often celebrated by displaying undershirts bearing the names of different Buenos Aires neighborhoods.

The deals for Colman, Cristaldo and Cubas foresee these players joining Juventus starting with the 2017-18 season. Juventus can then purchase their full rights for three separate agreed fees.

## Xavi Slams Real Madrid Over Casillas Exit

MADRID (Reuters) - Former Barcelona and Spain midfielder Xavi has hit out at Real Madrid for failing to give departing captain and goalkeeper Iker Casillas the send-off he deserved before his switch to Porto.

A tearful Casillas appeared alone in the Bernabeu stadium press room on Sunday and the 34-year-old choked up several times as he read a farewell statement that brought to an end 16 seasons in the Real first team.

A wave of criticism followed, with Casillas's parents also saying in a newspaper interview their son had been forced out of the club by president Florentino Perez.

Real responded by organizing an official presentation with Perez and Casillas at the Bernabeu on Monday, when hundreds of fans who turned up in sweltering heat chanted for the president to quit and gave Casillas a rousing ovation.

The contrast between Sunday's surreal appearance and the send-off Barca gave his close friend Xavi was telling.