

# Iran Wins Silver in Rio Freestyle Wrestling

RIO DE JANEIRO (Press TV) - Iranian freestyle wrestler Komeail Qasemi is stripped of an Olympic gold as he loses against his Turkish opponent Taha Akgul in the final of the 125-kilogram class of 2016 Rio games.

He is the first heavyweight Iranian wrestler to reach the final in Olympic history.

Qasemi reached the final after outmuscling his US opponent 10-0 in a 33-second match, at the Carioca Arena 2 in Rio de Janeiro.

Before the final, he had over-

powered wrestlers from Georgia, Canada, and Egypt.

Also on Saturday, Iran's 86-kilogram freestyle wrestler Alireza Karimi was defeated against US wrestler J'den Cox 3-1 in the quarterfinal round and was eliminated from the games. Karimi had beaten Tunisia's Mohamed Saadaoui and Bulgaria's Mihail Ganev before the quarters.

The Iranian Rio Olympics squad finished the world's foremost sporting event with three gold's, one silver, and four bronzes.



Freestyle wrestlers of 125 kg class at Rio Olympics 2016 fight on Saturday and Iran's Ghasemi won over his Canadian rival 5-2.

## Iran's Last Taekwondo Hope Fades

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Iran's Sajjad Mardani was victorious over his Tongan rival Pita Taufatofua 16-1 in +80kg category in round of 16 to complete chain of good news on Saturday for Iranian camp. His match in quarterfinals was Saturday night 11:45 Tehran time versus Mahama Cho from the United Kingdom.

Cho was leading 3-1 in first round and Mardani gained another point before ending second round 3-2. In third round, Mardani managed to end the normal time 3-3 to go for a golden point round. In the sudden-death stage Sajjad Mardani ap-



Iran's Sajjad Mardani who had a good start in his first match, ended up defeated in second round by Mahama Cho from the United Kingdom, on Saturday night.

peared more aggressive and controlled the match for almost two minutes before he finally gave up all of a sudden to Cho's kick which gained the British fighter one point and led him to the semi-finals.

Given that Mohama Cho failed to reach the finals after losing to an Azeri rival, Iran's Mardani also missed the chance to fight in a bronze medal match.

Radik Isaev of Azerbaijan won the gold medal of the division followed by Niger's Issoufou Alfaga Abdoulrazak who stood on the second podium. Meanwhile, Maicon de Andrade Siqueira of the host country and South Korea's Cha Dong-min scooped bronze medals of the sportive event.

## With Neymar's Golden Kick, Brazil Wins First Olympic Soccer Title



Brazil's Neymar celebrates with his gold medal after the Men's Football Final between Brazil and Germany at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro

RIO DE JANEIRO (FIFA) - THE DAY REPLAYED, No matter what, history was going to be made at the Maracana. Neither Brazil nor Germany had managed to win gold in the Men's Olympic Football Tournament.

Brazil had three silver medals and two bronze, while Germany's third-place finish at Seoul 1988 represented their best ever showing at the Games.

Gold on home soil against the Germans would never completely heal the wounds of the 7-1 semi-final Germany win in Belo Horizonte two years ago at the FIFA World Cup™, but the opportunity for Brazil to write a new and historic chapter in

their football history was there for the taking.

Overlooking the historic Maracana in Rio de Janeiro is the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue, and it was Brazil's moment for redemption on Saturday evening. The Brazilian fans in the Maracana sent positive vibes the team's way well before kick-off, singing "Today is the day for happiness", a traditional Rio de Janeiro song and "Get up on your feet if you've won five world titles" throughout the early stages of the final.

Neymar then gave the nation what they were all waiting for when he scored a superb free-kick from about 25 yards out in the 27th minute. As soon as his shot hit off the crossbar, bounced up and kissed the inside of Germany's top netting, the Maracana was rocking and bouncing with hope of finally capturing the coveted gold medal. Germany captain Max Meyer then shocked the hosts in the 59th minute, becoming the first player to score against

Brazil in the entire tournament.

After the gold medal match could not be decided in regular time and extra time, a penalty shoot-out was needed to crown the champions, and it was Neymar who scored the winning goal, ending Brazil's wait for an Olympic gold at the Maracana, the centre of the country's football heart and soul and leaving the supporters singing "the champion is back."

Earlier in the day in Belo Horizonte, Nigeria capped off a successful Rio 2016 campaign by holding off a resilient Honduras side 3-2 thanks to a brace from Sadiq Umar and a goal from Aminu Umar. 'Dream Team VI' completed the country's sweep of Olympic medals in the competition, having won gold in 1996 and silver in 2008.

Results  
Gold medal match  
Brazil 1-1 Germany AET (5-4 PSO)  
Bronze medal match  
Honduras 2-3 Nigeria

## Chen Aisen Wins China's 7th Diving Gold at Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (Xinhua) - China's 20-year-old diver Chen Aisen scored a highest 108.00 points in his last dive to win the men's 10-meter platform at the Rio Olympic Games here on Saturday.

It's China's first gold medal in the event since the 2004 Athens Games where Hu Jia clinched the title.

Chen became the first Chinese diver to win both the men's individual and synchronized platform titles at Olympic Games.

Chen finished with 585.30 points to beat Mexico's German Sanchez by 52.60 points in the final event at the Maria Lenk Aquatics Center. David Boudia of the United States, defending champion of the event, took bronze with 525.25 points.

## USA Dispatch Spain to Claim Sixth Consecutive Gold Medal

RIO DE JANEIRO (FIBA) - The USA topped the podium of the Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament for a sixth consecutive time after beating Spain, 101-72, in Saturday's Gold Medal Game at Carioca Arena 1.

The Americans have finished on the top step of the podium in the competition at every Olympics dating back to the Atlanta Games in 1996.

## For 10 Teams, Rio Provided a First Feel of Olympic Gold

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) -- For some nations, winning Olympic gold is quite the regular occurrence. At the Rio de Janeiro Games, plenty of first-timers got to hear their anthems played in celebration as well.

A look at the 10 first-time Olympic champions:

BAHRAIN  
Ruth Jebet, born in Kenya but now running for Bahrain, won the women's steeplechase.

Bahrain was making its ninth trip to the Olympics.

FIJI  
Men's rugby took gold, giving Fiji its first gold in 14 trips to the Summer Olympics.

INDEPENDENT  
Fehaid Al Deehani is an officer in the Kuwaiti army, but his nation is suspended by the International Olympic Committee. He was permitted to compete as an independent, becoming

the first with that distinction to win gold when he prevailed in double trap shooting.

IVORY COAST  
Cheick Sallah Junior Cisse won gold in taekwondo, the first gold in 14 Olympiads for Cote d'Ivoire.

JORDAN  
Ahmad Abughauha prevailed in taekwondo. This was Jordan's 10th trip to the Summer Olympics.

## Medal Standings

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	43	37	36	116
Great Britain	27	22	17	66
China	26	18	26	70
Russia	17	17	19	53
Germany	17	10	14	41
Japan	12	6	21	41
France	9	17	14	40
South Korea	9	3	9	21
Australia	8	11	10	29
Italy	8	11	7	26
Netherlands	8	6	4	18
Hungary	8	3	4	15
Spain	7	3	4	14
Brazil	6	6	6	18
Jamaica	6	3	2	11
Kenya	5	6	1	12
Croatia	5	3	2	10
Cuba	5	2	4	11
New Zealand	4	3	5	12
Canada	4	3	15	22
Kazakhstan	3	5	9	17
Colombia	3	2	3	8
Iran	3	1	4	8
Greece	3	1	2	6
Argentina	3	1	0	4
Sweden	2	6	3	11
South Africa	2	6	2	10
Ukraine	2	5	4	11
Poland	2	3	6	11
North Korea	2	3	2	7
Serbia	2	3	2	7
Libekistan	2	2	5	9
Belgium	2	2	2	6
Switzerland	2	2	2	6
Thailand	2	2	2	6
Slovenia	2	2	0	4
Georgia	2	1	4	7
Denmark	1	6	7	14
Azerbaijan	1	4	10	15
Belarus	1	4	4	9
Turkey	1	3	4	8
Austria	1	3	0	4
Slovenia	1	2	1	4
Indonesia	1	2	0	3
Czech Republic	1	1	7	9
Ethiopia	1	1	5	7
Romania	1	1	2	4
Sahran	1	1	0	2
Vietnam	1	1	0	2
Chinese Taipei	1	0	2	3
Bahamas	1	0	1	2
Cote d'Ivoire	1	0	1	2
Independent Olympic Athletes	1	0	1	2
FIJ	1	0	0	1

## India Cheers First Woman to Win Silver Medal

RIO DE JANEIRO (DAWN) - India swelled with pride on Saturday after badminton champion P.V. Sindhu became the first woman in the country's history to win an Olympic silver medal.

The shuttler was unable to strike gold but clinched the silver with her aggressive defense as she forced world number one, Carolina Marin of Spain, to three games in the women's singles final

## Freestyle Wrestler

## Akgul Wins First Turkish Gold in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (Hurriyet-dailynews) - Turkish heavyweight

grappler Taha Akgul defeated Iran's Komeil Ghasemi in the final game of the men's 125kg freestyle wrestling competition in Rio on Aug. 20, becoming Turkey's first gold medalist at the Rio Games.

The defending world champion, Akgul defeated Ghasemi 3-1 in the 125-kg freestyle for his first Games title.

## Olympic Victory Parade to Be Held in Manchester

RIO DE JANEIRO (Independent) - Britain's Olympic athletes will hold a triumphal march through Manchester after both Team GB and Paralympics GB have returned from Rio, Downing Street is announcing today. Their achievements will also be celebrated by an event in London.

The decision, made by Prime Minister Theresa May, comes three days after the former rowing champion, Sir Matthew Pinsent, set off what threatened to a major political protest by revealing that he had heard that there was to be no victory parade.

## China Wins Third Women's Volleyball Gold

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - China won their third Olympic Games women's volleyball gold with a 3-1 victory over Serbia in the final.

China also won gold in 1984 and 2004 while they were runners-up to Cuba in 1996.

Serbia were playing in the Olympic final for the first time having previously never progressed be-

yond the quarter-finals.

Only the Soviet Union -- with four golds -- has been more successful in Olympics women volleyball than China.

The come-from-behind 19-25, 25-17, 25-22, 25-23 victory also allowed the Chinese to equal Japan and the Soviets on six medals overall in the discipline.

KOSOVO  
Majlinda Kelmendi prevailed in women's judo. Kosovo was first recognized by the IOC in 2014, so this was its first time at the Summer Games.

PUERTO RICO  
Monica Puig won the women's tennis gold, completing a dazzling run through the field. Puerto Rico's first gold came in its 18th trip to the Summer Games.