

Iran Greco-Roman Wrestlers Stand 3rd in Military Event



Members of the national Iranian Greco-Roman wrestling team pose for a photograph after finishing third at the 32nd edition of the World Military Wrestling Championship in Klaipeda, Lithuania, on September 23, 2017.

TEHRAN (Press TV) - The national Iranian Greco-Roman wrestling team has finished in third place at the conclusion of the 32nd edition of the

World Military Wrestling Championship in Lithuania.

On Saturday evening, the Iranian squad stood on the third podium,

having garnered one gold and four bronze medals in addition to 54 points.

The Russian Greco-Roman wrestling team finished first with 59 points. The

Russian team was followed by the Ukrainian outfit, which accumulated 56 points to be named the vice champion.

Iran's Mohammad Nourbakhsh overwhelmed his Polish opponent in the final bout of men's 59-kilogram weight class on Friday, and snatched the gold medal.

In the 66-kilogram category, Majid Khalili clinched a bronze medal.

Later on, Afshin Biabangard and Vahid Babaei Ja'fari added two more bronze medals in the 71-kilogram and 75-kilogram weight divisions.

Mehdi Fallah also clinched a bronze in the 85-kilogram weight category.

The 32nd edition of the World Military Wrestling Championship kicked off in Klaipeda, Lithuania, on September 18, and will finish on September 25, 2017.

The tournament has reportedly brought together 241 athletes from 22 countries, including Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Korea, Ukraine and the United States.

Sohrab Moradi Breaks Weightlifting World Record in Ashgabat 2017



TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Olympic champion Sohrab Moradi has broken the overall men's 94 kilograms weightlifting world record at the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.

Moradi registered a total of 413kg to beat the mark set by Greece's Akakios Kakhiasvilis as far back as November 1999 by 1kg.

It came after he won the snatch with 185kg and the clean and jerk with 228kg. "This is the result of many years of work and I am very happy and delighted for my efforts," Moradi, who managed a total of 403kg on his way to winning Olympic gold at Rio 2016, told inside the

games.

"One of my goals as an athlete was to win an Olympic title. This is important. But this one is also important because I really wanted to do it. I am happy to do this," he added.

Uzbekistan's Farkhodbek Sobirov took the silver medal with 391kg, after finishing second in the snatch with 181kg and fourth in the clean and jerk with 210kg.

China's Lu Hao rounded out the podium with 387kg having finished third in the snatch with 176kg and joint second in the clean and jerk, alongside Qatar's Fares Elbakh, with 211kg.

Two Own Goals Help Barca Secure Catalan Derby Win

MADRID (Reuters) - An own goal either side of the break and a second-half Luis Suarez strike ensured Barcelona maintained their 100percent start to the La Liga season with a comfortable 3-0 victory away to Catalan rivals Girona on Saturday.

With political tension rising in the region following a self-declared referendum on independence from Spain, the first-ever league meeting between the two sides started amid cries of support for the cause, and some fans carried Catalan separatist flags.

Barca went ahead after 17 minutes



as Girona captain Aday Benitez turned Jordi Alba's wayward shot into his own goal. Girona goalkeeper Gorca Iraizoz inadvertently turned Aleix Vidal's backheeled cross into his own goal shortly after the restart before Suarez clinically wrapped up the points 21 minutes from the end. With six wins from six games, Barca have a four-point lead over second-placed Atletico Madrid, who defeated Sevilla 2-0 in the day's early kickoff.

Champions Real Madrid moved up to fourth with a 2-1 win away to bottom-of-the-table Alaves but still trail Barca by seven points.

AC Milan Crash to Second Serie A Defeat at Sampdoria



Sampdoria forward Duvan Zapata (R) controls the ball as AC Milan defender Leonardo Bonucci looks on during the Serie A match at the Luigi Ferraris Stadium in Genoa on September 24, 2017.

MILAN (AFP) - Duvan Zapata and Ricky Alvarez scored as Sampdoria condemned big-spending AC Milan to their second defeat of the Serie A campaign 2-0 in Genoa on Sunday. Zapata broke through after a terrible clearance by his cousin and fellow Colombia international Cristian Zapata after 72 minutes with substitute Alvarez getting the second just before the whistle.

Chinese-owned Milan again showed their difficulty against teams in the top half of the table as they stay fifth after six games with Sampdoria, who have a game in hand, moving sixth just a point behind.

"We deserved this victory, we fought to the end and must build on this performance," said Zapata.

Milan had problems defensively with Cristian Zapata having a forgettable afternoon and Leonardo Bonucci and Alessio Romagnoli performing little better.

Sampdoria dominated from the outset with the visitors having a scare after two minutes when Ivan Strinic's cross hit Franck Kessie on the arm and the referee awarded a penalty.

However, the decision was overturned by the video assistant referee.

After Saturday's victories of leaders Juventus and Napoli, Sunday's action will be dominated by the clash between Inter Milan, in third, and struggling Genoa, which would allow Inter to stay within two points of the leaders.

Paulo Dybala scored a double as Juventus outclassed 10-man Torino 4-0 in the Turin derby to stay top of Serie A alongside Napoli who battled past SPAL 3-2.

The Argentine striker has now scored an impressive ten goals in six Serie A games with Miralem Pjanic and Alex Sandro also on target at the Allianz Stadium. AS Roma cruised past Udinese 3-1.

Rossi Fifth as Marquez Wins Aragon GP



MADRID (Reuters) - Defending champion Marc Marquez won the Aragon MotoGP on Sunday to take a 16-point lead in the world championship standings.

Honda team mate Dani Pedrosa was second and Jorge Lorenzo third for Ducati. Valentino Rossi, making a remarkable comeback barely three weeks after suffering a broken leg, finished fifth on his Yamaha after lying second earlier on. Team mate Maverick Vinales, who started on pole, was fourth and Aleix Espargaro of Aprilia sixth. Briton Cal Crutchlow was in

contention for a top-six place but crashed and had to retire on lap 17. Spaniard Marquez started only fifth but improved on a slow start and steadily made up ground.

By winning with four rounds remaining he was able to take a clear lead in the standings as Andrea Dovizioso, previously the joint leader, managed only seventh place. Marquez, who also won in San Marino two weeks ago, now has 224 points, Dovizioso 208 and Vinales 196. The next race is the Japan Grand Prix in Motegi on Oct. 15.

Knicks Deal Anthony to Thunder, Report



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NEW YORK (AFP) - The New York Knicks have worked out a trade that will see all-star forward Carmelo Anthony join the Oklahoma City Thunder, American sports broadcaster ESPN has reported.

Oklahoma City have agreed to send centre Enes Kanter, forward Doug McDermott and a 2018 second-round pick via the Chicago Bulls to New York.

The 33-year-old Anthony will also waive his no-trade clause to allow the trade to go through.

Nothing is official just yet but the parties are reportedly getting

together on Monday to try and put the finishing touches on the trade.

Anthony previously told the Knicks he would only waive his no-trade clause for the Thunder, Houston Rockets and Cleveland Cavaliers.

Anthony has two years and \$54 million left on his contract, including a player option for \$27.9 million on the 2018-19 season.

The Thunder are scheduled to begin their training camp for next season on Tuesday.

Anthony averaged 22.4 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 74 games with the Knicks last season.

Nadal, Federer Team Up to Widen Europe's Lead in Laver Cup

PRAGUE (Reuters) - Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal took care of business in their singles matches before teaming up in an eagerly anticipated doubles pairing to extend Europe's lead over players from the rest of the world in the inaugural Laver Cup on Saturday.

The new team tennis event, kicking

off in Prague and moving to the United States next year, was a first chance for the world's top two players to play competitively side by side.

Putting aside a rivalry rekindled this season after Spaniard Nadal and Swiss Federer swept all four grand slams, the pair outlasted and outclassed Americans

Sam Querrey and Jack Sock to win 6-4 1-6 1-0(10-5) in the weekend's headline match.

The doubles victory put Team Europe up 9-3 going into the final day when the four matches are each worth three points.

"We will always forever be rivals as long as we are active. And after this we

will be rivals again," said Federer, ranked number two in the world and holder of 19 career grand slam titles to top-ranked Nadal's 16.

"But this was something very special. Knowing you can trust him in the big moments, seeing his decision-making, seeing his thought process, it was very

interesting."

"It was definitely a different day to other days in my life," he added.

The Laver Cup, named after Australian tennis hero Rod Laver, is attempting to add new excitement to the sport in an already crowded calendar and was the brainchild of Federer and his sports

management company Team8.

The Europeans are the clear favorites with five of the world's top seven players and have won five of the six singles matches in the first two days.

In Saturday's first match, Federer cruised through 6-4 6-2 against world number 16 Querrey.