

# Iran Water Polo Team Into FINA Tournament Final



TEHRAN (Press TV) - Iran men's national water polo team has won the ticket for the final showdown of the 6th edition of

the Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) World Men's Water Polo Development Trophy in Malta, after it achieved a deserved

win over the Uruguayan side.

On Saturday evening, the Iranian squad, which has so far kept its record unblemished at the sports

event, extended its winning streak to five.

The Iranians defeated their South American counterparts 15-7 at the end of a semi-final match staged in the central Maltese town of Gzira.

Iran men's national water polo team will take on Malta in the final game on Sunday evening.

The 6th edition of the FINA World Men's Water Polo Development Trophy opened on October 17, and will conclude on October 22, 2017.

The last edition of the FINA World Men's Water Polo Development Trophy, back in 2015, was held in the Iranian capital city of Tehran. Iran won the championship, while Uruguay took silver and Austria settled for bronze.

Uzbekistan won the 2013 edition of the Development Trophy in Kuwait City. Egypt and Saudi Arabia came second and third respectively.

## Plucky Iran Eliminated by Spain in U-17 World Cup Quarters



TEHRAN (Tasnim) - Spain defeated Iran 3-1 in the FIFA U-17 World Cup quarter-final in Kochi, India, on Sunday.

The European champion will play Mali in the semi-final on Wednesday.

Just 13 minutes into the match, Abel Ruiz opened Iran's goal on a rebound.

Left-footed Sergio Gomez scored

in the hour mark with a long-distance strike.

Seven minutes later Ferran Torres made it 3-0.

Saeid Karimi scored one for Iran in the 69th minute but it was not enough.

Iran had earned four successive wins against Guinea (3-1), Germany (4-0), Costa Rica (3-0) and Mexico (2-1).

## Arsenal Thrash 10-Man Everton to Pile Pressure on Koeman

ARSENAL (Dispatches) - Everton dropped into the bottom three of the Premier League after Arsenal came from a goal down to earn an emphatic 5-2 victory at Goodison Park on Sunday.

It all started so well for the hosts as Wayne Rooney curled a stunning 12th-minute opener into the net to give his side the lead — the strike coming almost 15 years to the day since a 16-year-old Rooney announced himself to the world with a remarkably similar goal against the same opposition.

Despite trailing, Arsenal dominated from then on, mustering



17 shots on goal in the first half alone, one of which was Nacho

Monreal's equaliser from close range five minutes before the

break.

Arsenal continued on the front foot after the interval, and took the lead in the 53rd minute via the head of Mesut Ozil.

Idrissa Gueye was dismissed 15 minutes later after collecting a second yellow card, before a goal from Alexandre Lacazette in the 74th minute and late strikes from Aaron Ramsey and Alexis Sanchez, coming either side of an Oumar Niasse consolation, capped a victory that moves Arsenal up to fifth but piles the pressure on under-fire Everton boss Ronald Koeman.

## Napoli's Perfect Season Ends After Draw With Inter

MILAN (AP) - Napoli's perfect start to Serie A finally came to an end on Saturday in an enthralling 0-0 home draw with Inter Milan, the only other unbeaten side in the Italian top flight.

There were plenty of chances at the San Paolo, and Inter goalkeeper Samir Handanovic was kept busier than his Napoli counterpart Pepe Reina.

It was the first time since April and a 2-2 draw at Sassuolo that Napoli has failed to win in Serie A.

Napoli remained top of the standings, two points above Inter and six above Juventus and Lazio, which face Udinese and Cagliari

respectively on Sunday.

Napoli was looking for a ninth successive league win. It was boosted by Lorenzo Insigne passing fit to start after injuring a thigh on Tuesday in the Champions League defeat at Manchester City.

Inter was full of confidence after Mauro Icardi's hat trick helped it win last week's derby against AC Milan, but it hadn't won in Naples in 20 years.

Napoli almost went in front but Handanovic pulled off a stunning double save to deny first Jose Callejon and then keep out Dries Mertens' rebound attempt from



point-blank range.

Handanovic then kept out an effort

from Insigne following a great ball over the top from Marek Hamsik.

## Utah Jazz Clamp Down on Heralded Oklahoma Thunder



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SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) - Joe Ingles scored 19 points and the

to knock off the Oklahoma City Thunder 96-87 on Saturday night.

Ingles led a balanced offensive attack as five Jazz players scored in double figures. He finished with 19 points on 7-for-12 shooting from the floor, including 5-for-8 from beyond the arc. Rudy Gobert also had a big night for the Jazz with 16 points and 13 rebounds while Ricky Rubio added 16 points, six rebounds and five assists.

The Jazz controlled the inside as they held the Thunder to just 20 points in the paint in the early season Northwest Division matchup.

After the Thunder took an early 6-0 lead on outside jumpers from Carmelo Anthony, Paul George and Russell Westbrook, the Jazz

found their defensive rhythm and held Oklahoma City to eight points the rest of the quarter to take a seven-point lead after one.

Rookie guard Donovan Mitchell and Ingles were key for the Jazz on the offensive end in the first. Mitchell had three early assists, including a pair of nifty inside looks that led to dunks, while Ingles knocked down two shots from 3-point range.

The Thunder tried to keep pace in the first half, but struggled with ball security as they managed just four assists against 10 turnovers. They also couldn't find the shooting touch from the outside as they missed all seven attempts from 3-point land in the first quarter and hit just 2 of 7 attempts in the second.

## Dimitrov to Face Del Potro in Stockholm Open Final



Grigor Dimitrov

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - Grigor Dimitrov took a step closer to qualifying for the ATP Finals in London on Saturday after setting up a Stockholm Open final showdown with Juan Martin del Potro.

World number eight Dimitrov, who is chasing one of the four remaining berths for next month's eight-man season ending tournament, beat flamboyant Italian Fabio Fognini 6-3 7-6(2).

The Bulgarian, who won the tournament in 2013, will face

defending champion Del Potro in Sunday's final after the Argentine beat Fernando Verdasco 6-7(4) 6-4 7-6(1).

Del Potro, ranked 19th, struggled early against Verdasco before coming back from a set down to secure victory with a blazing display in the third set tiebreak.

Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Alexander Zverev and Dominic Thiem have already secure places in the London finale.