

Korean Shooter Jin Jong-oh Apologizes to Javad Foroughi



TEHRAN – Shooter Jin Jong-oh apologized for his “inappropriate comments” about Iranian 10-meter air pistol gold medalist Javad Foroughi.

Last week, Jin criticized of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for “allowing the Iranian shooter to win the top spot at the Olympics.”

But the remark has drawn criticism from the public, as the comment did not show any respect for his competitor.

“I express my apology to Foroughi,” Jin said on his social network platform, Saturday. “I respect the Olympic champion.”

“I was not careful enough to check out the facts over some reports (on Foroughi), and I should also have been more considerate,” Jin said.

Jin, 42, has so far clinched a total of four gold and two silver medals at the Olympics, but failed to continue his winning streak in Tokyo.

Australian Swimmer McKeon Sets Olympic Medal Record

TOKYO (Dispatches) - Australia's Emma McKeon became the first female swimmer to win seven medals at a single Olympics with two more golds on Sunday.

She outsprinted the field to win the 50m freestyle before helping Australia win the women's 4x100m medley relay on the final day of the swimming competition in Tokyo.

American Caeleb Dressel, meanwhile, powered to victory in the 50m freestyle and swam an inspired butterfly leg in the men's medley relay to finish with five gold medals.

Compatriot Robert Finke completed the distance double, mustering a late surge to win the 1,500m



Emma McKeon helped Australia win their highest number of gold medals at an Olympic Games (nine)

freestyle to add to his 800m gold.

McKeon, 27, will leave Tokyo with four gold medals - two in the individual sprints and two relays.

Having already won the

100m freestyle, she added the 50m on Sunday, with Swede Sarah Sjoestroem taking silver and defending champion Pernille Blume of Denmark getting the bronze.

She was soon back in the pool for the medley relay, swimming the butterfly leg as veteran Cate Campbell's brilliant final leg pushed the United States into silver.

That gold medal meant McKeon joined Michael Phelps, Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi as the only swimmers to win seven medals at a single Olympics. The only woman to have achieved the feat in any other sport is Soviet gymnast Maria Gorokhovskaya in 1952.

American Phelps holds the swimming record of eight medals won at a single Games, doing so at Athens 2004 and in Beijing four years later.

Zverev Cruises to Men's Singles Gold



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The fourth seed played some stunning tennis to beat his opponent from the Russian Olympic Committee 6-1 6-3.

Zverev applied pressure from the start and rarely allowed Khachanov to settle, winning in just an hour and 19 minutes at the Ariake Tennis Park on Sunday.

The 24-year-old had beaten world number one Novak Djokovic to reach the final.

“This is so much bigger than everything else in sport,” he said afterwards.

“You are not only playing for yourself, you are playing for your whole country - so this is an incredible feeling for me right now.”

Silver medallist Khachanov, 25, said: “From beginning to the

end, he played an unbelievable match.”

Zverev is yet to win a Grand Slam, but he can now add Olympic gold to his list of 2021 achievements, which include the Mexican Open title and the ATP Masters 1000 crown.

Asked if this victory would give him confidence heading into the next major tournament, the world number five said: “I don't want to talk about the next Grand Slam because I have just won the Olympic Games - and there is nothing bigger than the Olympic Games.

Lebanese Judoka Quits MMA Contest to Avoid Facing Zionist Opponent



Lebanese judoka Abdullah Miniato

SOPHIA, Bulgaria (Dispatches)

- Lebanon's Abdullah Miniato has withdrawn from the international mixed martial arts (MMA) competition in Sophia, Bulgaria to avoid a match against a Zionist opponent, following the lead of two African athletes who refused to fight their Zionist rivals at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

The young Lebanese fighter and his coach, Muhammad Al-Gharbi, announced the withdrawal from the sports event after the draw placed Miniato against an Zionist athlete on Saturday.

Athletes hailing from Muslim nations have on numerous occasions refused to face Zionist opponents at key international competitions in a gesture of protest at the Zionist atrocities and the occupation of Palestinian lands.

In recent days, Sudanese judoka Mohamed Abdalraoof and Algerian judoka Fethi Nourine withdrew from the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in the Japanese capital city of Tokyo to avoid having to confront Zionist opponents.

France's Aliiev Stages Ring Sit Protest After Loss



Aliiev sat on the ring apron in protest after his defeat

TOKYO (Dispatches) -

French boxer Mourad Aliiev said he staged a remarkable protest after defeat by Frazer Clarke because of the “injustice” of his disqualification.

The 26-year-old Frenchman was disqualified in round two of his +91kg quarterfinal against Britain's Clarke for excessive use of his head.

Aliiev spent 30 minutes sitting on the ring apron after the fight and left the arena, only to return to the same spot.

“I sat down to protest against the unfairness for me,” said Aliiev.

“I prepared for these Games for four years. I really wanted to fight against the injustice, so that was my way to show that I don't agree with that decision.”

Aliiev kicked the canvas and remonstrated angrily upon hearing of his disqualification, behavior he said was “natural”

because he has “prepared my whole life for this event”.

Head clashes had caused cuts above each of Clarke's eyes and the British boxer - who is now guaranteed a medal - had his cuts checked over twice by a ringside doctor.

Aliiev insists he was not warned about his use of his head by the referee, adding: “I was just stopped without any warning and they just told me that ‘you lost’ - just like that. So I think it was an act of sabotage.”

Clarke believes his cuts will not pose a threat to his participation in the semi-finals.

The longest known protest in a boxing ring at the Games saw South Korean bantamweight Byun Jong-il sit in the centre of the ring for 67 minutes after losing a bout at the 1988 Olympics, delaying the rest of the competition for more than an hour.



China's Su Bingtian set a new Asian record of 9.83sec to win his Olympic 100 meters semifinal

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Bromell had come into the Olympics as hot pre-race fa-

vorite having set the fastest time this year of 9.77sec, the seventh-quickest in history.

China's Su Blasts Into Olympic 100m Final, Bromell Out

TOKYO (AFP) - China's Su Bingtian ran an Asian record of 9.83 seconds to qualify for the men's Olympic 100m final on Sunday, while U.S. medal hope Trayvon Bromell missed the cut.

Su, 31, shattered his previous best of 9.91 to storm to an impressive semifinal win over American Ronnie Baker in a photo-finish.

Italy's Lamont Jacobs finished third in a European record of 9.84 and fourth-placed South African Akani Simbine in 9.90, the pair taking the two fastest spots on offer after the two automatic qualifier places

from the three semifinals.

The first semifinal saw Britain's Reece Prescod disqualified for a blatant false start. The remaining field of seven were left waiting for several minutes as starting officials resolved a technical issue.

American Fred Kerley eventually won in 9.96 ahead of Canada's Andre de Grasse.

British hopes were kept alive as Zharnel Hughes won the second semi in 9.98 ahead of Nigerian Enoch Adegoke, who was awarded second place in a photo finish with Bromell after both timed 10 seconds