

Iran Freestyle Wrestler Gets Bronze at Ivan Yarygin Cup



TEHRAN – Iran's freestyle wrestler Mostafa Toghani has received a bronze medal in the weight category of 125kg at Ivan Yarygin Cup held in Russia.

Toghani ranked third at the sporting competition which was held in honor of the two-time Olympic Champion. The tournament was held in Krasnoyarsk from January 26-28. Ivan Sergeyevich Yarygin -the two-time Olympic Champion- was a Soviet and Russian heavyweight freestyle wrestler. Tehran to Host Freestyle World Wrestling Clubs Cup. The head of Iran's Wrestling Federation League Organization Hamid Yari said on Sunday that Tehran will host the next Freestyle World Wrestling Clubs Cup next month. Yari said that the 7th edition of the Freestyle World Wrestling Clubs Cup

will be held in Tehran on February 17-18. The official said the competition will be held in Tehran's Shohadaye Haft Tir Stadium in downtown the capital. According to the wrestling official, Bank Shahr Club will be the only representative of Iran at the competitions along with 5 foreign teams. He also said the Greco-Roman World Wrestling Clubs will be held in Isfahan on February 23-24 with Sepahan Club as the host with the participation of four foreign clubs. In the last 6 editions of this competition, Iranian teams have become champions five times in freestyle, while they have won all six editions of the Greco-Roman style.

Report: Taremi Among 100 Top Players in 2022



TEHRAN – The Iranian striker Mehdi Taremi, who plays for FC Porto and the national Iranian football team, has ranked 78th among the 100 top players in 2022. The Guardian Newspaper announced the world's top 100 players yearly by a 206 judges, including sports experts and journalists. According to the published list, Taremi has ranked 78

above Kalidou Koulibaly, Raphael Varane, Manuel Neuer, and Rodrygo. Lionel Messi's brilliant performance with the Argentina national team in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar made him the best player of 2022. After Messi, Kylian Mbappe and Karim Benzema ranked second and third, respectively.

Djokovic Beats Tsitsipas for 10th Australian Open, 22nd Slam

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Novak Djokovic climbed into the Rod Laver Arena stands to celebrate his 10th Australian Open championship and record-tying 22nd Grand Slam title Sunday and, after jumping and pumping his fists with his team, he collapsed onto his back, crying. When he returned to the playing surface, Djokovic sat on his sideline bench, buried his face in a white towel and sobbed some more. This trip to Australia was far more successful than that of a year ago, when he was deported from the country because he was not vaccinated against COVID-19. And Djokovic accomplished all he could have possibly wanted in his return: He resumed his winning ways at Melbourne Park



Novak Djokovic, left, of Serbia holds the Norman Brookes Challenge Cup as he makes a post match speech after defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece in the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023.

would say, biggest victory of my life." Only briefly challenged in the final, Djokovic was simply better at the most crucial moments and beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5). As a bonus, Djokovic will vault from No. 5 to No. 1 in the ATP rankings, a spot he already has held for more weeks than any other man. The 35-year-old from Serbia stretched his unbeaten streak in Melbourne to 28 matches, the longest run there in the Open era, which dates to 1968. He adds trophy No. 10 to the seven from Wimbledon, three from the U.S. Open — where he also was absent last year because of no coronavirus shots — and two from the French Open, to match rival Rafael Nadal for the most by a man.

Jazz Hold Off Late Rally, Beat Mavericks 108-100



Dallas Mavericks guard Spencer Dinwiddie (26) has a shot blocked by Utah Jazz center Walker Kessler (24) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Lauri Markkanen scored 29 points, Malik Beasley added 19 and the Utah Jazz took advantage of Dallas star Luka Doncic's absence to beat the Mavericks 108-100 on Saturday night. Doncic sat out because of a sprained left ankle. Jordan Clarkson added 14 points for Utah, and Walker Kessler had

14 points, 11 rebounds, and five blocks. The Jazz rolled out three big men in their starting lineup with great success. Kessler is 7-foot-1, Markkanen stands at 7-foot, and Kelly Olynyk 6-11. Their presence helped the Jazz go 12-of-18 from the field in the first quarter and shoot 60% from the field overall in the first half. Defensively, Utah finished with a 49-31 advantage on rebounds. Spencer Dinwiddie had 35 points and eight assists for Dallas. Reggie Bullock had 19 points, and Josh Green and Dorian Finney-Smith chipped in 11 apiece. After trailing by double digits for much of the game, Dallas cut it to 103-98 on Bullock's 3-pointer. Markkanen countered with a 3-pointer on the other end to keep

the Mavericks from drawing closer and the Jazz held Dallas without a basket over the final 2 1/2 minutes. With Doncic sidelined and his status still day-to-day, Dinwiddie has emerged as the Mavericks' primary offensive threat while filling in for the All-Star point guard. He has averaged 35.5 points and 8.5 assists over his past two games — while making 21 total baskets and 11 3-pointers in that stretch. Dinwiddie's elevated production highlights a comeback season for the veteran guard. He has started in 50 games for the Mavericks this season and missed only one contest after playing in just three games two seasons ago after tearing his ACL. His presence offers a steadying influence to a Dallas offense missing its biggest star.

FA to Investigate Alleged Racial Abuse of Birmingham Keeper



LONDON (Reuters) - The Football Association said it would investigate alleged racist abuse aimed at Birmingham City goalkeeper Neil Etheridge as a matter of urgency following an incident in their FA Cup game at Blackburn Rovers on Saturday. Birmingham manager John Eustace said Etheridge was abused by fans after he celebrated his side's stoppage time equalizer in the 2-2 draw in the fourth round. After the goal Etheridge went to referee Keith Stroud on the halfway line to complain about comments directed to him. "Neil was racially abused at the end, which is bang out of order,"

Eustace told the BBC. "There is no room at all in society, let alone football, for that." Birmingham said they would assist the authorities while Blackburn issued a statement saying: "The club has a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of abuse and discrimination, and will take the strongest possible action against any individuals identified for committing such offenses." The FA said: "We are aware of an alleged incident of racial abuse that was reported to the match official. "We take allegations of discrimination extremely seriously and we will be investigating as a matter of urgency."

Swiss Skier Odermatt Wins Super-G for 2nd Win in 2 Days

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP) — Swiss skier Marco Odermatt overcame a tricky course setting to win a men's World Cup super-G Sunday for his second victory in two days, just over a week before the start of the world championships. Odermatt extended his lead in both the overall and super-G standings, as his closest challenger, Norway's Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, was among the 10 racers in the top 30 who failed to finish. "It was a difficult super-G, I also had my troubles. I got very tight in one, two gates as well," Odermatt said. His win came a day after he made a triumphant return from his injury layoff, having skipped two races last week to rest a sore left knee. "Two very important races for me, and as well for that mini comeback, to do this before the world champs, so now I definitely know everything fits," the defending overall champion



Switzerland's Marco Odermatt speeds down the course during an alpine ski, men's World Cup super-G, in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023.

made many were going too fast to make the next gate. Home favorite Dominik Paris was 0.76 seconds behind in second for his first podium of the season. Austrian skier Daniel Hemetsberger trailed by 1.03 in third.

Bayern Held to Third Straight Draw as Bundesliga Lead Crumbles

MUNICH (Reuters) - Bayern Munich stumbled to a 1-1 draw against visiting Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday to leave them with only a slim Bundesliga lead after being held for the third game in a row with the same scoreline. The result left the reigning champions one point ahead of second-placed Union Berlin, who now have 36 points after beating Hertha 2-0 in the Berlin derby. RB Leipzig are in third spot on 35 following Friday's 2-1 win over VfB Stuttgart, with Frankfurt in fifth with 32. Bayern, who visit Paris St Germain on Feb 14 in the Champions League last 16, have had a turbulent few weeks. The club frantically searched for a replacement for injured



Bayern Munich's German midfielder Joshua Kimmich (left) and Frankfurt's Swiss midfielder Djibril Sow vie for the ball.

goalkeeper Manuel Neuer and signed Yann Sommer only a day before last week's season restart draw with RB Leipzig. They then fired goalkeeping coach Toni Tapalovic, who is also a close friend of Neuer, and then had to reprimand winger Serge Gnabry for flying to Paris to attend a fashion event before yet another draw in midweek against Cologne.