

Iranian Women First at Asian Alysh Wrestling Championship



TEHRAN – The Iranian women team has finished in first place in the Asian Alysh Wrestling Championship.

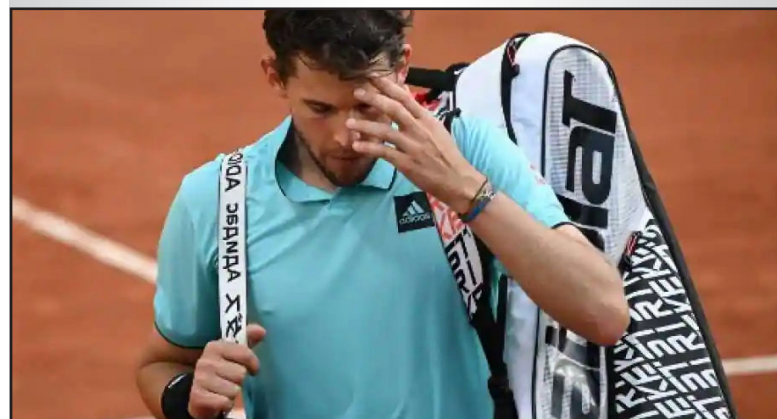
The competition has brought more than 300 athletes from 14 countries together in Osh, Kyrgyzstan.

The Iranian wrestlers won a gold, four silver medals and one bronze.

Iran claimed the title with 115 points, followed by Kyrgyzstan (112) and Uzbekistan (94).

The event served as qualification for the 2022 World Nomad Games.

Thiem Crashes Out at First Hurdle at French Open



Dominic Thiem in action at the French Open Photograph: (Others)

PARIS (Reuters) - Twice French Open finalist Dominic Thiem crashed out of the tournament in the first round on Sunday, losing in straight sets to Bolivian world number 87 Hugo Dellien.

Austrian Thiem, who has failed to win a match at any of the tournaments he has played since his wrist injury comeback in March, made 42 unforced errors as his once dominant claycourt game deserted him.

"It was not a good match at all but it is what it is," Thiem, ranked third in the world in 2021 compared to his current 194th, told reporters.

The 28-year-old struggled with his forehand throughout the match and said it was now

time to compete in lower-tier tournaments to get match wins under his belt.

Dellien, comfortable on the surface after battling through the qualifiers to reach the main draw in all five claycourt tournaments preceding Paris, did not have to wait long for his chance.

He earned his first break point in Thiem's opening service game and broke him on his second to race through the first set.

Two quick breaks in the second wrapped it up for Dellien, with Thiem, who injured his wrist in Mallorca in 2021 and required surgery, struggling throughout.

He capitulated 6-3 6-2 6-4 in just over two hours.

Miami Beat Boston 109-103 for 2-1 Series Lead

BOSTON (AP) — Still angry over a blowout loss in Miami that cost them home-court advantage in the Eastern Conference finals, the Heat jumped to a 26-point first-half lead over the Boston Celtics in Game 3.

Then Bam Adebayo made sure it was enough — just barely — to give Miami a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Heat center scored 31 points with 10 rebounds, filling a void left by injured All-Star Jimmy Butler and leading Miami to a 109-103 victory Saturday night. Adebayo also had six assists and four of the Heat's franchise postseason record 19 steals.

The Celtics never led, but they cut a 46-20 deficit to one



Miami Heat's Bam Adebayo, left, blocks a shot by Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum (0) during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference finals Saturday, May 21, 2022, in Boston.

point, 93-92, with 2:40 to play on a 3-pointer from Jaylen Brown, who finished with 40 points. Max Strus answered with a 3 and then

Adebayo bounced off defender Al Horford and made a basket at the shot clock buzzer to give Miami a six-point cushion.

In a bruising game that saw Butler and Boston's Jayson Tatum and Marcus Smart leave with injuries — though both Celtics returned — Kyle Lowry came back from a four-game absence and scored 11 with six assists for the Heat. P.J. Tucker — like Lowry, a game-time decision — scored 17 for Miami.

Horford scored 20 points with 14 rebounds, and Smart scored 16. Tatum had 10 points on 3-for-14 shooting; he also had six turnovers, and Brown committed seven of Boston's 2022 playoff-high 24 turnovers.

Verstappen Leads Red Bull 1-2 in Spain, Leclerc Abandons



Ferrari's Charles Leclerc in action during the race at Spanish Grand Prix - Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, May 22, 2022.

MONTMELÓ, Spain (AP) — Max Verstappen reclaimed the Formula One points lead as the reigning world champion won the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday for his third consecutive victory after

Charles Leclerc's Ferrari broke down while he was comfortably in front.

Verstappen needed an assist from Red Bull teammate Sergio Pérez to get his fourth victory of

the season, however. Pérez was leading the race after Leclerc had abandoned when his team told him to let Verstappen pass on Lap 49 of 66.

"It's unfair but OK," Pérez told his team.

Pérez, who could have taken just his third career win, finished second ahead of Mercedes' George Russell in third.

Verstappen overtook Leclerc in the standings and now leads by six points after six races.

"Not an easy start to the race, but we turned it around," said Verstappen, who had enjoyed previous victories in Imola and Miami. "Thanks to the team for their great job and thanks to Checo (Pérez), he is a great teammate."

Leclerc defended his pole po-

sition at the start, and Verstappen spun off the track early. But disaster struck when Leclerc's car lost power on Lap 27, as he screamed "No! No! No! What happened?"

Lewis Hamilton, who had won here for the previous five years, had a fine drive to finish fifth behind Ferrari's Carlos Sainz after the seven-time world champion was dropped to the back of the pack on Lap 1 when his Mercedes needed a tire change following a knock with Kevin Magnussen's Haas.

Verstappen looked like he would have to settle for a podium place to limit the damage after he went off the track and into the gravel — an incident his team blamed on a gust of wind — in the opening laps, knocking him back from second to fourth.

Yates Wins Stage as Carapaz Claims Giro Lead



Yates is out of contention for the general classification title but claimed his sixth Giro stage win

ROME (Sky Sports) - Britain's Simon Yates has claimed his second stage win of this year's Giro d'Italia as Richard Carapaz claimed the overall lead from Juan Pedro Lopez.

This year's race was blown

open on a thrilling stage 14, with Carapaz breaking away with 28km left.

But Yates, 29, was among a trio that caught the 2019 winner before the Team BikeExchange-Jayco rider raced clear

for his sixth Giro stage win in Turin.

Jai Hindley edged second from Carapaz, who he trails by seven seconds overall.

Lopez, who had the pink jersey for 10 straight days and came into Saturday with a 12-second lead over Ineos rider Carapaz, dropped off the back of the chasing pack after the Ecuadorian's break and is now more than four minutes off the lead.

Yates' hopes of being in contention for the general classification title and his second Grand Tour win, after the 2018 Vuelta a Espana, were dashed as he endured a difficult day on stage nine.

The Bury rider, who injured his knee in a crash during stage four, was dropped on the gruelling climb to Blockhaus and lost more than 11 minutes.

But he showed his class in temperatures of more than 30C by reeling in Carapaz, after Hindley's Bora-Hansgrohe team put the pressure on Lopez by launching the initial breakaway midway through the stage.

Asked if Saturday's win made up for stage nine, Yates replied: "Not really. I mean, not to put a downer on the day but I came here to win the race. For me it's another stage win."

Croatian Police Fire Live Ammunition During Soccer Fan Clash

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Outnumbered Croatian police officers fired warning shots into the air and ground with live ammunition when soccer fans returning from a match in the capital attacked them on a highway with iron bars, bats and flares, authori-

ties said Sunday. At least 35 people were injured, including four fans with bullet wounds.

The violence late Saturday happened when a convoy of more than 260 cars and buses was transporting Hajduk Split fans under police escort after their

team lost 3-1 to Dinamo Zagreb. The two teams have a fierce rivalry — Split is Croatia's second-largest city after Zagreb — and Hajduk fans may have been angry because police barred them from entering Zagreb's stadium with flares and banners.