

# Iranian Greco-Roman Wrestlers Crowned in Kazakhstan Competitions



TEHRAN – Iran's Greco-Roman wrestling team became the champions of the 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup in Kazakhstan.

Iran had participated in the 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup in Kazakhstan with 12 wrestlers in 9 different weight categories.

At the end of the competitions, the Iranian Greco-Roman wrestling team won the title after winning 4 gold medals, 4 silvers medals and 2 bronze medals.

The Iranian team came first with 185 points, followed by Kazakhstan with 165 and Uzbekistan with 108 points, respectively.

### Freestyle Wrestlers Grab Two Medals

Iranian freestyle wrestlers have won gold and silver medals at the International Wrestling Championships of the Turlykhanov Cup in Kazakhstan.

Medal winners for Iran included Amirhussein Zare (gold, 125kg) and Amirhussein Firouzpour (silver,

97kg). The International Wrestling Championship of the Turlykhanov Cup is being held on June 2-5, 2022, in Kazakhstan's Almaty.

Medal winners for Iran included Pouya Dadmarz (gold, 55kg), Alireza Nejati (gold, 60kg), Muhammadreza Garaei (gold, 72kg) and Ramin Taheri (gold, 87kg), Pouya Naserpour (silver, 60kg), Pejman Poshtam (silver, 82kg), Mehdi Fallah (silver, 97kg), Amin Mirzazadeh (silver, 130kg), Muhammadreza Mokhtari (bronze, 77kg) and Aliakbar Yousefi (bronze, 130kg).

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# Iran's Muaythai Athlete Claims Gold Medal in UAE's World Championship



TEHRAN – Iran's Masoud Abdolmaleki has won a gold medal at IFMA Muaythai World Championship 2022 on the last day of the international sports event in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi.

With the latest gold medal, the Iranian team gained 18 colorful medals at the competition that brought together under 23 and elite divisions from across the world from May 26 until June 4.

Abdolmaleki defeated his Thai rival 29-28 in Men's minus 63.5kg competition after three rounds.

The Iranian athlete had defeated his competitors from Turkmenistan, Australia, the US and Sweden to qualify for the final match.

But, another Iranian participant, Yaser Pormehr, lost to his Kazakh

competitor in Men's minus 54kg competition, following his prior victories against Iraqi and Turkish rivals.

And also in Women's plus 75kg, Iran's Samira Fathi lost to her Croatian competitor and gained a silver medal.

Iran got a total of two gold medals at the UAE Muaythai World Championship 2022.

The first gold medal was won by Fatemeh Hussein in Women's minus 60kg on Friday.

With its 18 colorful medals, Iran came the tenth at the UAE Muaythai World Championship 2022, leaving behind France, Egypt, and the U.S.

Thailand, with 8 gold medals as well as 5 silver and 2 bronze medals, came the first.

## Ruthless Swiatek Crushes Gauff to Clinch Second French Open Title

PARIS (Reuters) - World number one Iga Swiatek confirmed her dominance of women's tennis by sweeping aside American teenager Coco Gauff 6-1 6-3 to claim her second French Open title in three years on Saturday.

The 21-year-old Pole's blend of power, poise and precision on the clay was too much to handle for the 18-year-old Gauff, who never recovered from a shaky start in her maiden Grand Slam final.

Swiatek, who took over as world number one when Australian Ash Barty announced her shock retirement in March, has now won 35 consecutive matches - matching the longest unbeaten streak since Venus Williams in 2000.

She raced through the opening set and snapped Gauff's brief resis-



Poland's Iga Swiatek holds the trophy after winning the final against Coco Gauff of the U.S. in two sets, 6-1, 6-3, at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France on June 4, 2022.

tance in the second to become the fourth player this century to lift the

Suzanne Lenglen Cup on multiple occasions.

"Two years ago winning this was something amazing. This time I feel I worked hard to get here. It was pretty tough, the pressure was big," said Swiatek after sobbing when the Polish anthem was being played.

"Thank you fans for the support, for coming, all the Polish flags I see there," she added, also thanking her team.

"I am happy that every piece has finally come together."

Gauff thanked her team for getting her to the final.

"I'm sorry I could not get this one today, but thank you guys for always supporting me," she said.

Gauff had promised to play without pressure but in muggy conditions, she failed to find her breath as Swiatek's all-in tennis added to the suffocating atmosphere.

## England Beaten in Hungary, Italy Hold Germany in Nations League



Hungary's Adam Szalai (center) shoots during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Hungary and England at the Puskas Arena in Budapest, Hungary on June 4, 2022.

PARIS (AFP) - A tired England side went down to a surprise 1-0 defeat in Hungary in the UEFA Nations League on Saturday, while Germany had to come from behind to draw 1-1 with an inexperienced Italy team.

RB Leipzig star Dominik Szoboszlai scored the only goal of the game from the penalty spot in the second half in Budapest as Hungary beat England for the first time since 1962.

Defeat on penalties to Italy in the Eu-

ropean Championship final last year was the only time Gareth Southgate's side had been beaten in their previous 22 games.

"We proved at Euro 2020 what we're capable of doing against the best, and we've shown this again. The tough thing will be to repeat this," Hungary captain Adam Szalai told broadcaster M4 Sport.

England's line-up featured debuts for Leicester City full-back James Justin and West Ham United forward Jarrod Bowen,

but the visitors failed to trouble the hosts, who were roared on by a 30,000 crowd largely consisting of school children.

"They are bitterly disappointed because we want to keep winning matches. If we want to be a team right at the top tier of football, we need to come here and win," said England manager Gareth Southgate, before conceding that fatigue played a role.

"It has been a long season. The heat was a factor and took a lot out of the players."

Hungary were forced to play the game behind closed doors due to the behaviour of fans during their home matches at Euro 2020.

However, UEFA guidelines allow children under the age of 14 to be given free tickets under such circumstances and the Hungarian Football Federation took full advantage.

The goal came in the 66th minute, with Szoboszlai beating Jordan Pickford from the spot after England substitute Reece James was adjudged to have fouled Zsolt Nagy.

Southgate's men will next face Germany and Italy, who played out an entertaining stalemate in Bologna in Saturday's other League A, Group 3 game.

Roma captain Lorenzo Pellegrini gave a much-changed Italy team the lead 20 minutes from time when he turned in a superb cross from teenage debutant Wilfried Gnonto.

Gnonto, 18, had just been sent on after impressing in FC Zurich's run to this season's Swiss Super League title.

However, Germany needed just three minutes to draw level as the home defence failed to clear Jonas Hofmann's ball into the middle and Joshua Kimmich fired in.

Germany play England in Munich on Tuesday while European champions Italy -- looking to move on following their failure to qualify for the World Cup -- host Hungary before travelling to face Southgate's side in Wolverhampton next weekend.

Elsewhere the Republic of Ireland slumped to a first defeat in nine games as they suffered a surprise 1-0 loss away in Armenia.

Eduard Spertsysyan scored the only goal in the second half in Yerevan in the League B, Group 1 opener.

Armenia now travel to play Scotland on Wednesday while Ireland host Ukraine the same night before facing Scotland in Dublin next weekend.

## Brazil Don't Need Neymar Magic to Win, Says Manager Tite



PARIS (AFP) - Brazil no longer rely on superstar Neymar to win games, manager Tite said Sunday, with an Olympic gold medal-winning generation looking to step up at the World Cup.

Neymar underlined his importance to Tite's side by netting the 72nd and 73rd goals of his Brazil career in a 5-1 friendly thrashing of South Korea in Seoul last week.

That took him within striking distance of the legendary Pele's record of 77 goals for the five-time World Cup winners.

Tite played down Brazil's dependence on Neymar as his team prepared to face Japan in a friendly in Tokyo on Monday, saying a new generation of players are ready to share the load.

"I have been in charge of the national team for a long time, and in that time I have made lots of mistakes and also made some good decisions," he said.

"We have a new generation coming through and one good thing I have done is to try out a lot of players. Now we are not so dependent on one attacking player."

Brazil won gold at the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Olympics last year, beating Spain 2-1 in the final after extra time.

Olympians like Richarlison and Bruno Guimaraes have broken into Tite's senior squad, and assistant coach Cesar Sampaio said it was a "happy problem" to have.

"The players with experience and the players who won the Olympic gold here in Japan are now coming together," said the former midfielder.

"We have players with a lot of speed and creativity, especially in attack."

Brazil will be looking to round off their two-game trip to Asia with a win against Japan at Tokyo's Olympic stadium on Monday.

Japan, who will be playing at the venue for the first time since it was rebuilt to host the Games, warmed up with a convincing 4-1 win over Paraguay last week.

Manager Hajime Moriyasu said his players will have to be "brave and aggressive" to beat Brazil -- something Japan have never achieved in a full international.

"We want to make our mark at the World Cup and the game against Paraguay was a start towards that," said Moriyasu.

"We need to go further than we've gone before and try to overcome our limits. I want the players to do that tomorrow."

## Celtics Stun Warriors to Win NBA Finals Opener

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Boston Celtics have stormed back and rode the most lopsided fourth quarter in NBA Finals history to beat the Golden State Warriors 120-108 in Game 1 on the road.

AI Horford hit six 3-pointers to notch a team-high 26 points, as the veteran center led the Celtics to rip off a 20-2 run over the final six minutes, outscoring the Warriors 40-16 in the last period.

Everything went so well for the Warriors as they established a 12-point lead at the end of the third quarter, but they did not account for a barnstorming comeback charge fueled by Horford and Jaylen Brown, who also contributed 24 points.

There were jitters early on for

Boston as everyone took the floor for their first Finals game.

Jayson Tatum struggled on the offensive end, scoring only 12 points, but more balanced Boston showed their tenacity by winding up nine of 12 from downtown over the final 12 minutes as almost everyone was involved in the flurry.

Stephen Curry, who finished with 34 points, exploded in the first period for 21 points and set a new Finals record for making six 3-pointers in a single quarter, but the Warriors superstar could do little to avoid their first loss at home this postseason. Andrew Wiggins had 20 points in the defeat.

The Celtics are looking to surpass the Los Angeles Lakers to capture their record-breaking 18th NBA



Jayson Tatum drives to the basket against Stephen Curry and Draymond Green in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

title, and they are just three wins away from doing it. Game 2 of

the best-of-seven Finals series will take place on Sunday.