

Iran Defeat U.S. at Youth Beach Handball World Championships



TEHRAN — Iran defeated the U.S. 2-0 in its opening match in the 2022 IHF Youth Beach Handball World Cham-

ampionship on Tuesday.

The Iranian team won the first set 31-10 and defeated its rival 20-8 in the second set.

Iran is pitted in Group A along with Sweden, Qatar and the U.S.

The 2022 IHF Youth Beach Handball World Championship is the 2nd edition of the championship being held from June 14 to 19 in Heraklion, Greece under the aegis

of the International Handball Federation (IHF).

The 2022 IHF Men's Youth (U-18) Beach Handball World Championship groups are:

Group A: Sweden, Iran, Qatar, United States of America

Group B: Brazil, Croatia, Togo, France

Group C: Spain, Greece, Jordan, Czech Republic

Group D: Ukraine, Argentina, Germany, Uruguay

Under-16 Basketballers Overpower Indonesia in FIBA Asian Championship



DOHA — Iran's basketball team earned its first win on Monday in the 2022 FIBA Under-16 Asian Championship underway in Qatar's capital, Doha.

The Iranian basketballers emerged victorious in their first game in the Doha championship by defeating the Indonesian team 66-37. The Iranians defeated the Indonesians 18-12 in the first quarter, 36-20 in the second quarter, 55-34 in the third one, and 11-3 in the final and fourth quarter.

MUhammad Amini ranked the best Iranian player by gaining 25 scores, 15 rebounds and 1 pass-goal. The Iranian basketball team will

play their second game on Tuesday against Lebanon.

The 2022 FIBA Under-16 Asian Championship kicked off on June 12 and will wrap up on June 19.

Thirteen teams are competing in the Doha tournament.

They are grouped as follow:

Group A: Australia, Bahrain, India, Qatar

Group B: Iran, Lebanon, Indonesia

Group C: Philippines, Japan, Kuwait

Group D: South Korea, New Zealand, Kazakhstan

Four teams will be qualified to play at the 2022 FIBA Under-17 Basketball World Cup due to be held in Spain from July 2 to 10, 2022.

Iranian Judokas to Participate at St. Petersburg Tournament

TEHRAN — Iran will send seven judo players to the International Judo Tournament "Anatoliy Rakhlin Cup" 2022.

The two-day competition will begin on June 17 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Russia, Iran and Serbia will participate in the tourna-

ment.

Iran's Team:

-66kg: Hamid Reza Papi

-73kg: Muhammad Sedighi, Vahid Jeddi

-81kg: Mehdi Fathipour

-90kg: Ghasem Baghcheghi

+90kg: Hamid Reza Malekzadeh, Alireza Parhizgar

Wiggins Delivers on Both Ends, Warriors Lead NBA Finals 3-2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Exhibiting a determined confidence and grit all game, Andrew Wiggins single-handedly took the pressure off Stephen Curry and delivered the best game yet of his eight-year career.

Now, the first-time All-Star is on the cusp of becoming a first-time NBA champion — and helping Curry capture yet another title.

Wiggins had 26 points and 13 rebounds, Klay Thompson scored 21 points and the Golden State Warriors beat the Boston Celtics 104-94 on Monday night for a 3-2 NBA Finals lead.

One game after his 43-point performance, Curry contributed 16 points and eight assists but was 0 for 9 from 3-point range. The career 3-point leader's NBA-record streak of 132 straight postseason games with at least one 3 ended, along with his NBA-best run of 233 consecutive games with a 3 between regular season and playoffs combined.

Green knows how Curry will respond: "He's going to be livid going into Game 6. That's exactly what we need."



Jun 13, 2022; San Francisco, California, USA; Golden State Warriors forward Andrew Wiggins (22) goes to the basket in game five of the 2022 NBA Finals against the Boston Celtics at Chase Center.

Capping his brilliant performance on both ends, Wiggins drove through the lane for an emphatic one-handed slam with 2:10 left.

The Warriors can win their fourth title in eight years when the series resumes in Boston on Thursday night. If the Celtics can win at home, the series will return to the Bay Area for a winner-take-all Game 7 on Sunday. All five games so far have been decided by 10 or more points.

Jayson Tatum had 27 points

and 10 rebounds for the Celtics, who lost consecutive games for the first time in the postseason. Marcus Smart was whistled for a technical foul then an offensive foul in a one-second span early in the fourth. He overcame a slow start to score 20 points.

Jordan Poole knocked down a 33-foot 3 from the left wing to beat the third-quarter buzzer as the Warriors took a 75-74 lead into the final 12 minutes after the Celtics roared back in the third.

The Celtics found their own

third-quarter magic that has long defined Golden State's success in the second half. Boston trailed 51-39 at the break before charging back with a 35-point outburst in the third.

Al Horford hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 6:28 left in the period that made it 58-55 as the Celtics finally found their shooting groove from deep. Boston made eight straight made 3 after missing the initial 12.

Jaylen Brown was 2 for 11 to start the game and finished with 18 points on 5-of-18 shooting and missed all five of his 3-point tries.

Tatum gave Boston its first 3-pointer on the night 4:34 before halftime and the Celtics wound up 11 of 32 from deep overall. The Celtics were sloppy in stretches, committing 18 turnovers.

Golden State wound up 9 of 40 from beyond the arc — Wiggins 0 of 6. Curry didn't make a 3-pointer for the first time since going 0 for 4 in a 134-111 loss to the Bucks on Nov. 18, 2018.

Thompson shot 7 for 14 with five 3-pointers in another shining playoff moment.

Monday marked exactly three years since Thompson tore the ACL in his left knee and had surgery before later tearing his right Achilles tendon while working back from the first injury — forcing him to miss more than 2 1/2 years.

Australia Edge Peru on Penalties to Claim World Cup Spot



Australia's Martin Boyle in action in front of Peru's Pedro Flores during the World Cup 2022 qualifying playoff soccer match between Australia and Peru in Al Rayyan, Qatar, June 13, 2022.

DOHA (Reuters) - Australia's substitute goalkeeper Andrew Redmayne saved the last penalty to clinch a place at this year's World Cup in Qatar as they edged Peru 5-4 in a shootout following a 0-0 draw after extra time in an inter-continental playoff on Monday.

Redmayne had been brought on three minutes from the end of the game for the shootout and became an instant hero with his antics on the line as he looked to distract the rival kickers.

He danced up and down, throwing his arms about in a throwback to the clowning antics of Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar when they won the European Cup in 1984.

It was enough for Luis Advincila to fire his effort against the post and then Valera to have his effort

saved as Australia qualified for a fifth successive World Cup and a sixth in total.

They will play in World Cup Group D with holders France, Denmark and Tunisia. The finals run from Nov 21-Dec 18.

"I am just so proud of the players," said Australia coach Graham Arnold. "Really no one knows what these boys have been through to get here, it was so hard, the whole campaign. The way they stuck at it, the way they committed themselves, brilliant."

Australia's Martin Boyle had missed their first penalty but they converted the next five to silence the thousands of Peru fans who had traveled for the game and provided noisy support but saw their team conjure up few opportunities.

Dimitrov, Cilic Through as Seeds Tumble at Queen's Club

LONDON (AFP) — Former champions Grigor Dimitrov and Marin Cilic have advanced to the last 16 at the Queen's Club grass-court tournament three seeded players were eliminated from the Wimbledon warmup.

Dimitrov, the 2014 champion, took out third-seeded Cameron Norrie of Britain 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-4. Norrie was a finalist at Queen's last year.

Another Briton, a wild card in Liam Broady, was beaten by Cilic, who won the tournament in 2012

and '18 and also reached two more finals. Cilic won 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

The biggest shock saw fourth-seeded Taylor Fritz of the United States lose 6-3, 6-2 to Jack Draper, a 20-year-old British wild card ranked at No. 99.

Reilly Opelka, the eighth-seeded American, was defeated by Alex de Minaur of Australia 6-4, 6-4.

Other winners in the last 32 on day one of the tournament were Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Alexander Bublik, who advanced after Lorenzo Musetti was forced

to retire after falling heavily.

Andy Murray didn't even get to start a match at Queen's Club.

The five-time champion opted to skip the event after sustaining an abdominal strain in the final he lost in Stuttgart on Sunday.

"The tournament means a lot to me, and it's disappointing not to compete, especially after playing some good matches on the grass already," Murray said.

Murray is hoping to be fit enough to play at Wimbledon, which starts on June 27.

Tunisia Beat Japan to Win Kirin Cup

OSAKA, Japan (AFP) - Tunisia stepped up their World Cup preparations with a 3-0 win over Japan in Osaka on Tuesday to finish first in the four-team Kirin Cup tournament.

Mohamed Ali Ben Romdhane scored a penalty 10 minutes into the second half before Ferjani Sassi and Ali Maaloul scored to round off an impressive victory for the North Africans.

Tunisia have been drawn with France, Denmark and Australia in World Cup Group D and they can reflect on a productive trip to Japan this month after



also beating Chile 2-0 in last Friday's semifinal.

Tunisia and Japan, who are

also bound for Qatar, both struggled to create clear-cut chances in a tight first half.

Barcelona to Sport UNHCR Logo in Place of UNICEF

GENEVA (AP) — Barcelona will promote the U.N. refugee agency's logo on the back of its jerseys for the next four seasons under a partnership announced on Tuesday.

The agreement comes after the UNHCR recently said an unprecedented 100 million people had been forced to flee conflict, violence, human rights violations and persecution, propelled by the war in Ukraine and other deadly conflicts.

Barcelona handed over sponsorship space on its jerseys to the UNHCR rather than selling to a commercial entity despite the club having debts of 1.3 billion euros (\$1.3 billion).