

Junior Men Handball Team Qualifies for World Championship



TEHRAN – Iran's junior men's handball team defeated the championship defender Bahrain and made it to the semifinal against Saudi Arabia, qualifying for the world championship.

Iran's national team won 30-29 against Bahrain's team on Friday in the 2022 Asian Men's Youth Handball Championship.

After this victory, Iran's team will play against Saudi Arabia in the semifinal. It also secured a quota in the IHF Men's Junior World Championship.

Iran has gained second place in Group A after playing against South Korea, Bahrain, Uzbekistan, and India in the Asian championship, by winning three games and losing against South Korea.

Herrada Wins Stage Seven of Vuelta a Espana

CISTIENNA, Spain (AP) – Jesus Herrada placed his head on his bicycle's handlebar and cried profusely after winning Stage 7 at the Spanish Vuelta.

Herrada was hugged by a team member and sat by his bike and put both of his hands in front of his face.

He was still wiping away tears when other riders arrived to congratulate him.

It took the 32-year-old Spaniard a few minutes to fully compose himself after the victory in the Vuelta's seventh stage.

Remco Evenepoel stayed safely in the peloton to hold on to the overall lead ahead of Rudy Molard, Enric Mas and three-time defending champion Primož Roglič.

Herrada prevailed in the breakaway group to win his



Jesus Herrada also won a stage of the 2019 Vuelta a Espana

second ever stage in the Vuelta, and first in three years. The Cofidis rider narrowly edged Samuele Battistella and Fred Wright after a 190-kilometer (118-mile) mid-mountain stage in northern Spain.

"It's crazy," Herrada said. "I had to be patient in the last

kilometer, following wheels. I knew there were fast men in the group but I trusted my sprint. We'll savor this win."

It was the second stage win for a Spaniard in three days after the nation went two years without a win at a Grand Tour race. Marc Soler won the fifth

stage on Wednesday to end Spain's winless streak.

The peloton was closing in on the five breakaway riders who also included Jimmy Janssens and Harrison Sweeny, but not soon enough.

Evenepoel was among those crossing the line 29 seconds later to keep his overall 21-second lead over Molard and 28-second lead over Mas. Roglič stayed fourth in the general classification, about a minute behind.

Evenepoel is only the second Belgian rider to retain the leader's red jersey for more than a day in the Vuelta in the last 40 years, after Philippe Gilbert did it in 2010.

Riders will face a difficult mountain stage in Asturias on Saturday.

Italian Tennis Umpire Gets Long Ban for Match-Fixing

LONDON (AP) — An Italian tennis umpire was banned for seven years and six months Friday after admitting to charges of match-fixing.

Lorenzo Chiurazzi, a national-level chair umpire and line judge, was also fined \$50,000 — \$33,500 of which is suspended — in a case investigated by the International Tennis Integrity Agency.

The offenses relate to

matches at a tournament in Perugia, Italy, in 2021, the agency said. They include Chiurazzi delaying inputting scores into the scoring device, inputting scores which did not reflect the actual scores on court, failing to cooperate with the corruption investigation and failing to report corrupt approaches.

The ban was backdated to August 12, 2022 — when the charges were made — and runs until Feb. 11, 2030.



Chiurazzi will not be able to officiate at or attend any tennis event authorized or sanctioned by any international tennis governing body or national association.

American Hobbs Ends Jamaican Dominance in Women's Diamond League 100m

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - American Aleia Hobbs won the women's 100 meters at the Diamond League meeting in Lausanne, beating Jamaica's Shericka Jackson in a photo finish.

Hobbs won in 10.87 seconds ahead of Jackson (10.88) while Ivorian Marie-Josée Ta Lou was third (10.89).

Jamaica's Elaine Thompson-Herah, who had won in Eugene and Rabat, was disqualified for a false start while compatriot Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, a three-times winner this year, pulled out of the final due to a hamstring injury.

Hobbs is only the second non-Jamaican sprinter to win a women's 100m title in the

Diamond League this year after Britain's Dina Asher-Smith in Birmingham.

"I had a good start today and I know that if I start well I can get great times. I'm happy with the 10.87, it's another sub-10.9 for me," Hobbs said.

"This is my first time running in Lausanne. Funnily enough, I was supposed to make my professional debut here a few years ago and I got injured and couldn't race so it's great to finally be able to run on this track."

In the men's 200m, Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Noah Lyles ran a great bend to win his third Diamond League title of the season with a time of 19.56 seconds.

He beat compatriot Michael Norman by two-tenths of a second in an American one-two while Jereem Richards of Trinidad & Tobago was third.

India's Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra returned to winning ways in the men's javelin following his silver at the world championships last month. His mark of 89.08 metres with his first throw was enough for victory.

Chopra was forced to skip the Commonwealth Games earlier this month due to injury and his mark was well ahead of the second-placed Czech Republic's Jakub Valdeich (85.88m) and American Curtis Thompson (83.72m).

Iranians Win Four Medals in Thailand's Track Asia Cup 2022



TEHRAN, IRNA – Iranian athletes have won one gold, two silver and one bronze medal in the first day of the Thailand's Track Asia Cup 2022.

Iranian sprinters faced against their rivals in the Track Asia Cup 2022 hosted by Thailand, and in the end Muhammad Amin Rahimabadi won the gold medal in the one kilometer

event.

In these competitions, Amir Ali Alizadeh, another Iranian sprinter won the bronze medal.

These two Iranian sprinters won the silver and bronze medals in the Kairin section after the representative of Malaysia.

The tournament will be hosted by Thailand for the next three days.

Lazio Sink Inter 3-1 to Take Top Spot



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Lazio provisionally lead the standings with seven points from three games, while Inter are a point behind in fourth.

Lazio flew out of the traps against Inter in an attempt to gain an early advantage, after they failed to score for the first time in 10 league games when they were held to a goalless draw by Torino last time out.

Clearly fired up, they sent the visitors an early alert when striker Ciro Immobile received a beautiful pass inside the box and tried to beat Inter keeper Samir Handanovic with a first-time shot which went just wide of the right post.

Lazio's captain, who scored the most goals (27) during the 2021-22 Serie A season, had another chance in the 37th minute -- this time on target -- but his strike was cleared by Handanovic.

It took the hosts three more minutes for Anderson to finally put them in front with a header just before halftime, after the Brazilian was perfectly set up in the box with a cross by Sergej Milinkovic-Savic.

Maurizio Sarri's men came back wanting more in the second half and Immobile almost immediately took another shot at goal, but his attempt at the near post was again saved by Handanovic.

Inter, who lacked a clear chance in the opening period, equalised from a free kick in the 51st as defender Denzel Dumfries nodded the ball to the unmarked Lautaro Martinez who netted from close range.

A minute later, Inter went close to taking the lead when Dumfries got his head to Federico Dimarco's high cross and sent the ball bouncing off the ground just in front of Lazio keeper Ivan Provedel, who managed to tip it over the bar.

However, Lazio substitute Luis Alberto restored the lead for the hosts with a sublime strike from distance in the 75th, while Spain forward Pedro made it 3-1 before the final whistle.