

Sitting Volleyball Team Routs Iraq at World Championships



TEHRAN – Iran national men's sitting volleyball team has won its 1st game versus Iraq 3-nil in Bosnia 2022 Sitting Volleyball World Cup.

Iran national men's sitting volleyball team, with head coach Hassan Rezaie played a good game versus Iraq, in its first competition in that international arena.

The Iranian national team won the first set 25-11, the second one 25-17, and the 3rd set 25-15 to emerge the winner of their first match.

The men's and women's competitions started on Friday in Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital Sarajevo and will run until November 11.

Iranian Taekwondo Athletes Win Gold in Pakistan Open Tournament



TEHRAN – Iranian taekwondo practitioners Armin Hadipour and Muhammad Sadegh Dehghani have claimed gold medals in the 4th Asian Open Taekwondo Championships in Pakistan.

Hadipour defeated Kazakhstan taekwondo athlete Jasurbek in the final match of the men's -58kg.

Dehghani defeated Kazakhstan taekwondo athlete Eldar in the final match of the men's -68kg.

Earlier in this tournament, Danial Bozorgi and Farzan

Ashourzadeh claimed gold medals in -74 kg and -63 kg respectively.

Also, Hassan Bahiri gained a silver medal in this tournament.

Iran's national taekwondo team ranked first at the 4th Asian Open Taekwondo Championships with five gold and silver medals.

The 4th Asian Open Taekwondo Championships were held in Islamabad from November 1-4.

Japan's Hashimoto Wins All-Around Title at Artistic Gymnastics Worlds

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) – Daiki Hashimoto, Japan's Olympic champion of men's all-around in last year's Tokyo Games, has claimed his first world title in this event at the 51st Artistic Gymnastics World Championships.

Hashimoto, 22, won the rematch with China's Zhang Boheng whom he lost to at last year's World Championships by just 0.017 points.

After two rotations, Hashimoto took the top position while Zhang reduced their gap to 0.499 points after claiming the highest score on the rings.

As they collected exactly the same scores on both vault and



Japan's Daiki Hashimoto competes during the Horizontal Bars event of the Men's individual all-around final at the World Gymnastics Championships in Liverpool, northern England on Nov 4, 2022.

the horizontal bar, an advantage of 0.066 points on the parallel bars wasn't enough for

Zhang to beat Hashimoto, who eventually won the gold with 87.198 points.

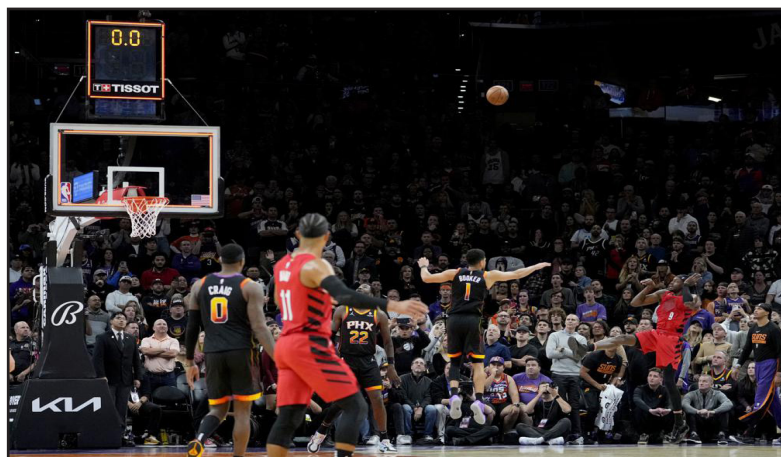
Zhang followed behind with 86.765 points while Hashimoto's teammate Wataru Tanigawa took the bronze with 85.231 points.

"His performance is so good," Hashimoto commented on Zhang. "I couldn't win this competition last year because he won. So I felt sad."

"Competing against him was a motivation (today). The battle with Zhang Boheng is so good."

Zhang was disappointed with his performance, marking five out of ten on his overall performance.

Grant Hits Jumper at Buzzer, Trail Blazers Top Suns 108-106



Portland Trail Blazers forward Jerami Grant (9) makes a game-winning shot over Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker (1) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, in Phoenix. The Trail Blazers defeated the Suns 108-106.

PHOENIX (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers had 1 second left and a game-winning shot opportunity. The problem was their two biggest game-winning-shot-makers were out with injuries.

In a weird way, coach Chauncey Billups said he believes that worked in his team's favor.

Jerami Grant hit a 13-foot baseline jumper at the buzzer after a great in-bounds pass from Justise

Winslow to lift the short-handed Trail Blazers over the Phoenix Suns 108-106 on Friday night.

Grant's bucket capped a season-high 30 points. The 6-foot-8 forward shot 10 of 17 from the field and added five assists.

The Blazers were down to the last second when Winslow lofted a high in-bounds pass to Grant, who grabbed the ball and tossed a high-arching 13-foot jumper in the air.

It rattled through the net and after a review the officials confirmed it left his hands in time. It was Winslow's ninth assist of the night.

Devin Booker made a 3-pointer to put the Suns ahead 106-104 with about 30 seconds left, just moments after Jusuf Nurkic sank his own 3 to put the Blazers up 104-103.

Nurkic — who had 14 points and eight rebounds — tied the game at 106-all with his putback after an offensive rebound with 23 seconds left. The Suns looked like they would have the final possession of regulation but Mikal Bridges was called for traveling. That gave the Blazers enough time to set up their winning play.

Suns coach Monty Williams thought his team defended the Blazers' final play well.

Portland led for most of the night and built a 15-point lead midway through the third quarter, but settled for an 86-80 advantage heading into the fourth.

That's about the time the cold-shooting Suns finally started hitting some shots. Damion Lee made three 3-pointers in the fourth, in-

cluding one from the corner with 4:15 left that tied the score at 97.

Portland is now tied with Phoenix atop the Western Conference at 6-2. The Suns' two losses both came against the Blazers.

Booker led the Suns with 25 points, while Deandre Ayton added 24 points and eight rebounds. Booker was double-teamed on the final possession and said he didn't regret throwing the ball to Bridges, even though he was called for the travel.

The Blazers won despite missing Lillard and Simons, who have combined to average 53 points per game this season.

The Suns had their own injury issues. They were missing both of their backup point guards — Cam Payne and Duane Washington Jr. — so when All-Star Chris Paul was on the bench it was a challenge to get good shots.

The Trail Blazers took advantage of the Suns' sloppy second unit on the way to a 59-49 halftime lead. Grant led the Blazers with 18 points while Ayton also had 18 points for the Suns before the break.



PARIS (AFP) – Novak Djokovic stayed on course for a record-extending seventh Paris Masters title by dispatching Lorenzo Musetti 6-0, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

Djokovic, who has titles in Israel and Kazakhstan this season, is chasing a record-extending 39th Masters title.

Musetti caused Djokovic problems in the French Open fourth round last year, leading by two sets before retiring in the fifth.

Not this time, as the sixth-seeded Serb bulldozed the first set in 24 minutes against the unseeded Italian.

They swapped breaks at the start of the second set as Musetti briefly rallied for 2-2.

Serving for the match, Djokovic held to love and clinched victory when Musetti swiped a wild forehand into the net.

Djokovic next faces Stefanos Tsitsipas after the fifth-seeded Greek won 6-2, 6-4 against unseeded American Tommy Paul, who knocked out Rafael Nadal in the second round.

Djokovic leads Tsitsipas 8-2, with the past three of Djokovic's seven straight wins all coming in finals – including a five-set thriller at last year's French Open, where Djokovic rallied from two sets down.

Earlier, top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz was stopped by unseeded Holger Rune of Denmark, who reached his first semis at Masters level.

In a match pitting 19-year-old former junior doubles partners, Rune was leading 6-3, 6-6 and 3-1 in the tiebreaker when the U.S. Open champion Alcaraz retired, a few minutes after having treatment on an abdominal muscle at the changeover.

"I thought it was a great match. Unlucky for him," Rune said. "We both played very well and I was super focused. It was an amazing crowd, amazing tennis, so I'm super pleased with how I handled everything."

Rune, who won both of his career titles this year, next faces eighth-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime. He beat No. 16 Frances Tiafoe 6-1, 6-4 to stay on track for a fourth straight title. The Canadian had eight aces and faced no break points.

Miller Fastest in Valencia MotoGP Practice, Bagnaia Ninth

MADRID (AFP) – Australian Jack Miller took the honors in third practice at the season-closing Valencia MotoGP on Saturday, the Ducati factory rider outshining his teammate and title favorite Francesco Bagnaia.

Heading into qualifying at the Ricardo Tormo circuit Miller was the only man to duck under the 1min30sec bar, topping the times from Johann Zarco on Ducati's satellite Pramac bike and KTM's South African Brad Binder.

Bagnaia, who holds a 23-point lead over reigning

world champion Fabio Quartararo, had to settle for ninth, one place behind his only rival for the MotoGP crown.

Bagnaia has the luxury of going into Sunday's finale aware that if Quartararo wins he only has to finish 14th to seal his maiden MotoGP world championship.

He will be relieved to have scraped into the top 10 after the three practice sessions which means he goes into the second qualifying session.

All the other riders below take part in the first session



with only the top two then graduating to Q2 to compete

for the top 12 places on the grid.