

# Iran Win 4 Medals in 2022 Asian Rowing Championships



TEHRAN – Iranian athletes have received four medals at the 2022 Asian Rowing Championships underway in Thailand.

Iran's female rower Nazanin Molaei snatched a gold medal in the event.

Amir Hussein Mahmoudpour, Abolfazl Satouti, and Amir Reza Abdali ranked third in the competition.

The 2022 Asian Rowing Championships is being held from 30 November to 4 December 2022, at Royal Thai Navy Rowing Center, Ban Chang, Rayong Province, Thailand.

# Cameroon Is First African Team to Beat Brazil at World Cup



Cameroon's Tolo Nouhou (left) jumps to a ball with Brazil's Antony (right) during the World Cup Group G soccer match between Cameroon and Brazil, at the Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar, Dec 2, 2022.

LUSAIL, Qatar (AP) - A late goal by skipper Vincent Aboubakar ended Cameroon's 20-year wait for a win at the World Cup as the Indomitable Lions bowed out in style by beating a much-changed Brazil 1-0 at the Lusail Stadium.

With qualification to the last 16 already in the bag after wins over Serbia and Switzerland, Brazil, seeking to claim the World Cup for the sixth time, still won Group G ahead of the Swiss on goal difference.

They will face Group H runners-up South Korea, who beat Portugal 2-1, in the next round.

Brazil's first-ever defeat to an African opponent at a World Cup will, however, no doubt sting as their reserve players were left to rue the fact they did not take the chance handed to

them by their coach.

Safe in the knowledge that a draw would secure top spot, while even a defeat might still be enough, Tite benched Vinicius Jr and made nine changes in all to the team that beat Switzerland 1-0 in their last match.

Cameroon, whose last win at the World Cup was in 2002 against Saudi Arabia, were on the back foot for most of the match but sprung to life at the death. Aboubakar powered a header past Ederson then was sent off for collecting a second yellow for taking off his shirt in celebration.

Brazil had by far the larger share of possession and carved out many more chances than their opponents. But in the end it was Cameroon who got the only statistic that actually counted.

# Stunned Uruguay Win But Dumped Out of WCup on Goals Scored

AL WAKRAH, Qatar (Reuters) - Georgian de Arrascaeta has netted twice in six minutes as a resurgent Uruguay beat Ghana 2-0 in a battle for their World Cup survival, only to crash out agonizingly on goals scored after South Korea's shock win over Portugal.

In Group H deciders that went right down to the wire, Uruguay had one foot in the last 16 before South Korea scored in stoppage time to go through by virtue of notching one goal more than the South Americans over their three matches.

Uruguay had left themselves with a mountain to climb, with their cast of big-name strikers unable to find the net in their opening games, leading to their first group-stage exit in two decades.

"Without doubt, we did every-

thing we could. We paid dear," said De Arrascaeta.

Veteran striker Luis Suarez, playing in his fourth World Cup, was recalled to the team as captain and was instrumental in both of the goals. At the final whistle, he was inconsolable and in tears after Uruguay's fate was sealed.

With South Korea tied with Portugal late in their match and Uruguay two goals up, La Celeste looked almost certain to go through before the pendulum swung agonizingly in the direction of South Korea.

Uruguay went on the attack right from the start of the match with front-three Facundo Pellistri, Suarez and Darwin Nunez combing seamlessly to create a succession of chances, and Nunez having a goalbound effort cleared away.

Uruguay finally broke the dead-



Ghana's Jordan Ayew (left) and Uruguay's Guillermo Varela fight for the ball during the World Cup Group H soccer match between Ghana and Uruguay, at the Al Janoub Stadium in Al Wakrah, Qatar, Dec 2, 2022.

lock on 26 minutes when Nunez's cross was missed by two defenders and found Suarez, whose low

shot was spilled by the keeper for De Arrascaeta to head home from close range.

# Davis Scores 44, LeBron Passes Magic as Lakers Beat Bucks



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo drives past Los Angeles Lakers' Anthony Davis during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Anthony Davis and LeBron James tore apart the NBA's top-rated defense and gave Los Angeles Lakers coach Darvin Ham a triumphant return to Milwaukee.

Davis scored a season-high 44

points and James passed Magic Johnson on the NBA's career assists list Friday night in the Lakers' thrilling 133-129 victory over the Bucks.

It marked Ham's first game in Milwaukee since taking over as

Lakers coach after working as an assistant on Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer's staff from 2018-22.

Ham and Budenholzer shared a big hug before the game.

"It was a beautiful night," said Ham, who also played for the Bucks from 1999-2002.

It also was quite a night for Davis, a Green Bay Packers fan who delivered his big performance with Aaron Rodgers in the stands. Davis spoke with the Packers' four-time MVP quarterback before and after the game.

"I saw him before the game and he said, 'I need 30 tonight,'" Davis said. "I just saw him and he said, 'I only said 30, not 40.' It's always good for him to come out and watch the Lakers play."

James made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 3:22 left and finished with 28 points, 11 assists

and eight rebounds. He upped his career assist total to 10,144 and moved into sixth place, ahead of Johnson's 10,133.

The Lakers had the highest point total and field-goal percentage (.536) the Bucks had allowed all season. Milwaukee entered Friday with the NBA's top defensive rating.

"It was too easy, too easy, too easy," Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo said. "They were living in the paint. That's not who we are."

Los Angeles withstood a 40-point performance from Antetokounmpo, who also had seven rebounds and five assists.

The Lakers also spoiled the 2022-23 debut of Milwaukee's Khris Middleton, who had 17 points and seven assists in his return from offseason wrist surgery.

# Skipper Son Eyes 'Another Miracle' Against Brazil at World Cup



Doha (AFP) - Son Heung-min wants his South Korea side to pull off "another miracle" and beat Brazil on Monday in the World Cup last 16 after their last-gasp heroics against Portugal.

The Koreans' tournament looked to be over until substitute Hwang Hee-chan popped up in injury time to score the winner in a 2-1 victory over already qualified Portugal on Friday in Qatar.

That propelled them into the knockout rounds and a daunting date with Brazil, one of the pre-tournament favorites.

But skipper Son, who has been playing in a mask following surgery last month for a fracture around his left eye, said they are not ready to go home just yet.

After what has been a tournament of surprises, the Koreans now want to pull off another one.

"This is great but our tournament is not over," Spurs attacker Son said following the emotions of the dramatic win over Portugal.

"I hope we can script another miracle," he added, having set

up Hwang with a searing run and threaded pass through the legs of a Portuguese defender.

Some in South Korea are beginning to draw parallels with the national side of 2002 who stunned the world as co-hosts by reaching the semi-finals.

Current assistant coach Sergio Costa, who took charge from the sidelines for the Group H clash with Portugal because coach Paulo Bento was suspended, resisted such talk.

"I cannot compare because I watched the World Cup in 2002 on TV and didn't know them personally," said Costa, having masterminded the win over his native Portugal in his boss's absence.

"I've seen a few games from the past but I cannot make a comparison because I didn't know the Korean team back then.

"I can tell you what it is now -- it's a team that is very honest.

"That is something that we are very proud of, we see those players with a strong personality and they deserve what we have accomplished," he added.

# Tour de France 2024 Final Moved to Nice Ahead of Paris Olympics

PARIS (AFP) -The final stage of the Tour De France, traditionally held on Paris's Champs Elysees, will be moved to the southern city of Nice in 2024 when the capital hosts the Olympics, the southern city's mayor confirmed on Thursday.

"It's with some emotion that I am announcing the final stage of the Tour De France 2024 will be held in Nice", Christian Estrosi told a news conference.

The finale of cycling's biggest race has not been moved in the last 100 years, but the 2024 edition will come as Paris prepares to host the Summer Olympics, starting just a few days after the Tour ends.

The capital's Champs Elysees

boulevard is to be transformed into an Olympics venue.

Tour director Christian Prudhomme also said the final stage will be a time trial, which hasn't happened in more than 30 years.

The Mediterranean city of Nice, France's fifth-largest, is popular with tourists in the summer.

Nice's famous beachside walkway, the Promenade des Anglais, was the scene of a deadly attack in 2016 in which 86 people were killed and hundreds injured when an armed man drove a heavy truck into a crowd that had gathered to watch fireworks.

In 2020, when Nice hosted the Tour's opening stage, there was a huge crash in heavy rain within



The peloton rides during the first stage of the Tour de France cycling race in Nice, France, Saturday, on August 29, 2020.

three kilometres of the finish line on the Promenade des Anglais,

severely injuring French rider Thibaut Pinot.