

Iran's Women Team Wins Asian River Rafting Championships



TEHRAN – Iran's women's team has finished in first place in the 2024 Asian River Rafting Championships.

Iran's team Saba Fadaei, Faezeh Ronasi, Sahar Ghasemi Toudeshki, Melina Ebrahimian and Setareh Homayoon Fard won the RX with 300 points.

India 3 claimed the silver with 262 points and the bronze medal went to India 2 with 242 points.

The tournament brought eight countries together in Himachal Pradesh, Northern India.

Vafaeipour Takes Gold at Yasar Dogu Tournament



TEHRAN – Hadi Vafaeipour of Iran claimed a gold medal at the 2024 Yasar Dogu Saturday night.

Vafaeipour defeated Mongolia's Bat Erdene Byambasuren 10-0 in the final match of the 86kg and won the gold medal.

Iran's Muhammad Mehdi Palangvar also claimed a bronze

medal in the 65kg weight class after beating a wrestler from Kazakhstan.

The Yasar Dogu & Vehbi Emre Tournament is being held in Antalya, Turkey from March 7 to 10.

This international tournament includes competition in men's Greco-Roman wrestling.

Inter Move Closer to Serie A Title After Victory Over Bologna

ROME (Reuters) - Inter Milan managed another important victory in their run for their 20th Serie A title as the Nerazzurri beat Bologna 1-0 away.

Inter had kept a perfect record since 2024 with 12 consecutive wins before Saturday, while former Inter player Thiago Motta had steered Bologna to an unexpected fourth place and knocked Inter out in the Coppa Italia.

The Nerazzurri rotated the squad for the upcoming Champions League clash against Atletico Madrid as Simone Inzaghi rested



Bologna's Danish defender #21 Odgaard Jens (left) fights for the ball with Inter Milan's Italian defender #15 Francesco Acerbi.

Lautaro Martinez and Benjamin Pavard.

Despite an inferior ball possession, Inter still scored the sole goal in the 37th minute as Yann Bisseck bombed forward for a diving header on Alessandro Bastoni's cross.

With the win, Inter are running away with 18 points advantage over second-placed Juventus who host Atalanta on Sunday.

Elsewhere, Cagliari dominated Salernitana 4-2, Monza sailed away with a 3-2 victory over Genoa, Sassuolo edged past Frosinone 1-0.

Boloukat Wins Bronze Medal at Asian Alpine Ski Championships



TEHRAN – Iranian junior skier Ali Boloukat received a bronze medal at the 32nd edition of the Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Junior) held in China.

Iran's Boloukat stood in third place following rivals from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in the slalom category of the sporting event.

Previously in the tournament, Iranian female skier Atena Kiashemshaki gained a bronze

medal. South Korea, China, Iran, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Hong Kong, Lebanon, Mongolia, China Taipei, Thailand, Nepal, Pakistan, and Kazakhstan were the 13 participating countries in the 2024 Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Junior).

The 32nd edition of Asian Alpine Ski Championships (Junior) was held at Beidahu Ski Resort in Jilin, China March 9-10, 2024.

Verstappen Continues Winning Streak in Saudi Arabia



Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands steers his car during the Formula One Saudi Arabian Grand Prix at the Jeddah Corniche Circuit, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on March 9, 2024.

JEDDAH (AFP) - Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix

from pole position as Red Bull continued their dominant start to the Formu-

la One season with a second one-two in as many races.

Sergio Perez was runner-up under the Jeddah Corniche floodlights, last year's winner taking the chequered flag 13.643 seconds behind his triple world champion team mate who now has a 15 point lead in the standings.

Charles Leclerc finished third for Ferrari, also setting the fastest lap on the way to his first podium of the season, but rookie stand-in team mate Oliver Bearman stole the show - finishing seventh and voted Driver of the Day.

It was the first time Verstap-

pen, winner of a record 19 of 22 races last year, has won the first two races of a season. He has also won 19 of the last 20.

"Overall, a fantastic weekend for the whole team and myself. I felt really good with the car and it was the same in the race," Verstappen said.

The victory was a ninth in a row for Verstappen, dating back to Japan last September, and 56th of the 26-year-old Dutch driver's career.

It was also his 100th career podium while Red Bull's 115th win lifted them ahead of Williams in fourth place on the all-time lists.

Atletico Madrid Suffer Shock 2-0 Loss at Lowly Cadiz

CADIZ, Spain (Reuters) - Atletico Madrid slumped to a surprise 2-0 defeat at third-bottom Cadiz as Juanmi's double gave the hosts a first LaLiga win in six months and third in 28 games this season.

Missing France forward Antoine Griezmann, who is a doubt for Wednesday's Champions League last-16 clash with Inter Milan with an ankle injury, Atletico's faint title hopes took another hit and they are now in danger of missing out on a top-four finish.

Diego Simeone's side are fourth on 55 points, five ahead of fifth-placed Athletic Bilbao, who visit Las Palmas on Sunday. Real Madrid are top of the standings on 66 points.

Atletico were toothless and lacked attacking flair, finishing the game with only three shots on target.

The hosts were not much better but at least they found the target, netting with their only shot on goal in the first half through forward Juanmi's stooping header in the 24th minute.

Cadiz had not taken the lead in a league match since December 10 against Osasuna but on that occasion the visitors managed to fight back and the match ended in a 1-1 draw.



Atletico Madrid's Argentine defender #16 Nahuel Molina (left) is challenged by Cadiz's Spanish midfielder #15 Javier Hernandez

Simeone made three substitutions at halftime but the home side remained comfortable in defense and were only threatened by a Samuel Lino curler from the edge of the box and a close-range header from Marcos Llorente that was saved Conan Ledesma.

When Atletico looked to be pushing for the equalizer, Juanmi secured the win for Cadiz with a close-range strike after a defensive error in the 64th when last man Gabriel Paulista missed an easy header trying to clear from the edge of the box.

It was Atletico's seventh loss in 14 away games this season in which they have won 15 out of a possible 42 points.

"We have to be self-critical. There are too many defeats away from home, this can't happen," captain Koke told Movistar Plus. "If we want to be at the top, we have to look at ourselves. It's costing us, it's a job for all of us to improve."

"The team is trying, we want to, but it's not working. We have to find out what is happening..."

Luka Doncic Sets Triple-Double Mark in Win

Washington (Reuters) - Luka Doncic set an NBA record with his sixth consecutive 30-point triple-double as the Dallas Mavericks rolled past the host Detroit Pistons, 142-124, on Saturday night.

Doncic piled up 39 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. He surpassed Russell Westbrook, who recorded five straight 30-point triple-doubles in 2017.

Kyrie Irving had 21 points and Daniel Gafford supplied 17 points, seven rebounds and four blocks. Tim Hardaway Jr. also scored 17 points for the Mavs.

Cade Cunningham led the Pistons with 33 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists. Simone Fontecchio had 27 points, James Wiseman notched 17 points and 12 rebounds, and Jaden Ivey contributed 17 points and six rebounds.



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic attempts a layup as Detroit Pistons guard Jaden Ivey (23) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game, on March 9, 2024, in Detroit.

Miles Bridges scored 24 points, Brandon Miller racked up 23 points and Charlotte beat visiting Brooklyn, snapping a six-game losing streak.

Nic Richards had 15 points and 11 rebounds and Vasilije Micic supplied 12 points and 10 assists for the Hornets, who

shot 54.3 percent from the field and prevailed despite committing 16 turnovers.

Cam Thomas returned from a six-game injury absence to score 31 points for the Nets. He was 12-of-24 shooting from the field, including draining five 3-pointers.