

Fatemeh Keshavarz Bags 2 Bronze Medals at Asian Weightlifting Championships



TEHRAN – Iranian female weightlifter Fatemeh Keshavarz has snatched two bronze medals in the 64 kg weight category of the Asian Weightlifting Championships in South Korea.

Fatemeh Keshavarz ranked third by lifting a total of 194 kg weight in the Asia competitions.

The Asian Weightlifting Championships is underway in Jinju, Republic of Korea from May 5 to 13.

The continental championship is the second qualifying event for the Paris Olympic Games after the World Weightlifting Championships 2022.

Iran has sent 10 male and five female weightlifters to the 2023 Asian Weightlifting Championships.

Alcaraz Beats Struff to Clinch Back-to-Back Madrid Titles

MADRID (Reuters) - World number two Carlos Alcaraz beat lucky loser Jan-Lennard Struff 6-4 3-6 6-3 in the Madrid Open final on Sunday to defend last year's title and win his fourth ATP Tour trophy of the year and his tenth overall.

Alcaraz, who had an injury-plagued start to the season, came back in top form last month to win the Barcelona Open for the second consecutive year.

The victory was the fourth ATP Masters 1000 trophy for Alcaraz, who became the youngest world number one last September when he won the U.S. Open and held that spot for 20 weeks until Novak Djokovic took it back in January.

In Madrid, the 20-year-old Spaniard had to play his best tennis to beat a relentless Struff in three sets in a packed Caja Magica.

Lucky loser Struff's run to the final was part of a remarkable turnaround in fortune for the German, who dropped outside the top 100 last year but is back up to 65th after reaching the quarter-finals of last month's Monte Carlo Masters.

Alcaraz enjoyed a dream start to the match, breaking Struff's serve in the first game.

The German fought back to return the favor, making things uncomfortable for the world number two with his aggressive tactics and relentlessly attacking Alcaraz's serve.

Struff nailed every return to break serve in the fourth game but the Spaniard produced another break and closed the set 6-4.

Struff rushed to a 3-0 lead in the second set, which he took 6-3, but Alcaraz woke up in the third, breaking to lead 3-1 and taking the



Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, holds the winner's trophy after defeating Jan-Lennard Struff, of Germany (not in photograph), in the men's final at the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, on May 7, 2023.

set 6-3.

Alcaraz is raring to get to Italy next week to compete in the Rome

Masters for the first time in his career and reclaim the world number one spot from Djokovic.

Dortmund Crush Wolfsburg 6-0 to Stay a Point Behind Bayern



Dortmund's Donyell Malen is pulled by Wolfsburg's Maximilian Arnold during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and VfL Wolfsburg in Dortmund, Germany, on May 7, 2023.

DORTMUND (Reuters) - Borussia Dortmund have demolished hapless VfL Wolfsburg 6-0, with two goals

apiece from Karim Adeyemi and Jude Bellingham, to stay hot on the heels of Bundesliga leaders Bayern with three games left in the season.

The Ruhr valley club fired three goals past the Wolves in the first half to take the wind out of their sails and added three more after the break in a one-sided game which Wolfsburg littered with defensive errors.

Dortmund are now on 64 points, one behind Bayern, 2-1 winners against Werder Bremen on Saturday.

"We are satisfied today but a long way from happy," said Dortmund coach Edin Terzic. "But if we go into the next

games with such readiness then we have good chances of winning the last three games.

"It was a good sign today but it will mean nothing if we don't build on it," he added. "Three weeks left, three matches, two at home. If we win the last three and maybe take the lead first in the final game then we have increased the pressure.

"This season feels crazy and we will hope to keep it crazy until the end and to have something to celebrate."

Dortmund host Borussia Moenchengladbach next Saturday while Bayern take on Schalke 04.

Milan Wins Giro Stage Two as Cavendish Crashes

ROME (Sky Sports) - Jonathan Milan took his first Grand Tour stage victory with a sprint finish on day two of the Giro d'Italia.

The Bahrain Victorious rider, competing in his home country, crossed the line in San Salvo in four hours, 55 minutes and 11 seconds.

He edged ahead of a tightly packed bunch, with David Dekker of Arkea-Samsic placing second and Alpecin-Deceuninck's Kaden Groves third.

Britain's Mark Cavendish was unable to finish after a heavy crash.

The Astana Qazaqstan sprinter was one of several riders to go down with about three kilometres remaining of the 202km route from Teramo, but his team later said he was "OK".

Race leader Remco Evenepoel - who won stage one's individual time trial - was safely led across the finish line by his Soudal-QuickStep team-mates to keep hold of the maglia rosa jersey for stage three.

He holds a 22-second lead over Italy's Filippo Ganna.



Groupama-FDJ's Jake Stewart was the highest-placed Briton in ninth. Ineos Grenadiers' Geraint Thomas also crossed safely but his team-mate Tao Geoghegan Hart slipped down the general classification after losing 19 seconds.

Milan, 22, is an Olympic and world team pursuit champion on the track and was competing in his first Grand Tour road stage.

"It's something incredible," he said. "Yesterday I tested my legs before today, I wanted to go for the sprint.

"My team-mates positioned me to perfection. This is my first win at the Giro, I'm lost for words.

"Yesterday I did a nice time trial, I was quite happy, I was pushing good but I could never imagine that today a victory was coming."

Messi Back in Training With PSG

PARIS (Reuters) - Lionel Messi is training with Paris St Germain again, the Ligue 1 team said on Monday, after the forward was suspended for making a trip to Saudi Arabia and missing a training session as a result.

French media reported that Messi was suspended for two weeks after an unauthorized trip to Saudi Arabia when he was supposed to train with the squad the day after the Ligue 1 leaders' 3-1 defeat to Lorient last month.

Messi, who apologised to PSG and his team mates on Friday, was left out of the squad for their 3-1 win at second-bottom Troyes on Sunday.

PSG posted a picture of Messi training on social media, along with the caption: "The Argentinian striker from Paris Saint-Germain was back in training on Monday 8 May."

Iran Down Malta at Water Polo World Cup



TEHRAN – Iran have defeated Malta 15-9 in the 2023 Men's Water Polo World Cup, Division 2 classification.

Iran defeated New Zealand 17-14 in the 2023 Men's Water Polo World Cup, Division 2 on Friday.

Iran are drawn in Group B along with Romania, Kazakhstan and New Zealand.

The 2023 Water Polo World Cup Division 2 started on May 5 in Berlin, Germany, and finished on May 7.

Amouzad Tops UWW Ranking in Freestyle



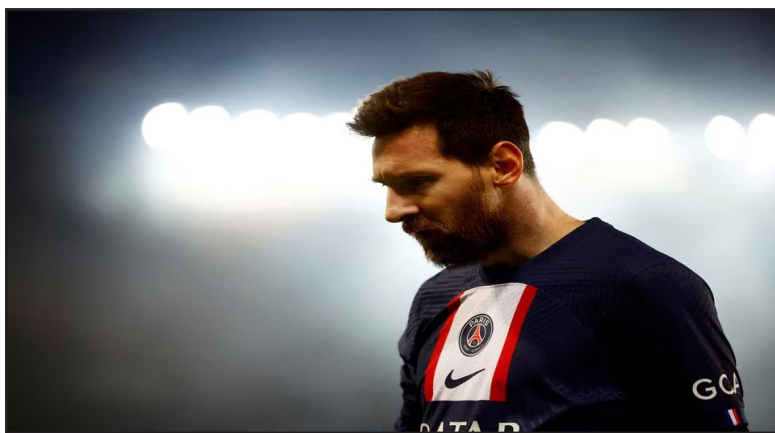
TEHRAN – The United World Wrestling (UWW) announced that Iranian free-style wrestler Rahman Amouzad is on top of the world ranking.

According to UWW, Rahman Amouzad in the 65 kg weight category is placed at the top of the world ranking of weights, while Kamran Ghasem-

pour ranked second in the 92 kg weight category.

Reza Atri, Hassan Yazdani, and Amirhossein Zare ranked third in the 61kg, 86kg, and 125kg weight categories respectively.

Also, Younes Emami and Mohammad Nokhodi were ranked fourth in the 74kg and 79 kg weight categories.



Lionel Messi

PSG are six points clear of Lens and eight in front of Olympique de Marseille with four more rounds of games remaining this season.

Messi's future at PSG has been the subject of much speculation in recent days.

A source close to Argentina's captain told Reuters that he re-

ceived a formal offer to join Saudi Arabian club Al-Hilal next season, with a contract renewal at PSG not on the cards for the World Cup winner who turns 36 next month.

The oil-rich nation appointed Messi its tourism ambassador last year and he visited Jeddah in May 2022.