

Esmailnejhad Breaks 100 Meters Iran Women Record



TEHRAN – Iran's female sprinter Hamideh Esmailnejhad has broken the 100 meters Iran's women's record. Esmailnejhad snatched a gold medal at the Erzurum Sprint Flag Cup 2023. The sportswoman crossed the finish line in 11:43 seconds at Ataturk University Stadium, breaking the 100 meters Iran's women's record by just 0.01. Previously, Farzaneh Fasihi

was the fastest female sprinter in Iran. Fasihi, dubbed the Wind Girl, broke the 100 meters Iran's women's record after eight years by setting 11.44 seconds in the 2022 Turkish Athletics Championships in Bursa, Turkey. Around 80 contenders from Turkey, Denmark, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan and Iran competed in the 8th Erzurum Sprint Flag Cup on May 30-31.

Iranian Wrestlers Advance to Final at Armenian Championships



TEHRAN – Two Iranian wrestlers have advanced to the final matches of the Greco-Roman contests at the Armenian International tournament. Iranian Greco-Roman wrestler Amir-Reza Akbari at 97 kg defeated a Georgian opponent to advance to the final. Another Iranian wrestler, Fradin Hedayati in the 130 kg weight category beat a Georgian rival and reached the final.

But in the 55kg category, Arash Negahdari was beaten by an Armenian rival and failed to reach the final. Also, Hussein Mahmoudi (67 kg), Morteza Pour-Issa (72 KG), Alireza Abdevali (77 kg), and Amir-Reza Moradian (87 kg) accepted defeat against their rivals in the semi-final stage.

Milad Naseh-Jahani Wins Turkish Track and Field Tournament

TEHRAN - Iranian runner Milad Naseh-Jahani has become the champion of the Turkish international track and field competitions. During the international track and field competitions in Turkey, Milad Naseh-Jahani succeeded in registering a quorum of 46.65 to win first place in the 400-meter competition.

After the Iranian runner, two Turkish athletes placed in second and third rank by registering a quorum of 46.69 and 46.75. Earlier in the Turkish international tournament, shahla Mahmoudi and Hamideh Esmailnejhad in the women's 400m hurdles and 100m, each won the championships.



Matin Rezaei Wins Bronze at World Taekwondo Championships



TEHRAN - Matin Rezaei of Iran has claimed a bronze medal in the 2023 World Taekwondo Championships. He lost to Briton Bradly Sinden in the 68kg weight class. No. 1 seed Sinden won gold in commanding style and the silver

medal went to Ho-Jun Jin of Korea. The 2023 World Taekwondo Championships are the 26th edition of the World Taekwondo Championships being held in Baku, Azerbaijan from May 29 to June 4.

Medvedev Suffers First-Round Defeat, Swiatek Battles Through



Russia's Daniil Medvedev gestures during his match against Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild during their men's singles match on day three of the Roland-Garros Open tennis tournament at the Court Philippe-Chatrier in Paris on May 30, 2023.

PARIS (Reuters) – World No 2 Daniil Medvedev, experienced a shocking defeat in the opening

round at the French Open this year as the highest-ranked player to be eliminated so early when he

fell to Brazil qualifier Thiago Seyboth Wild, 7-6(5), 6-7(6), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Before the clay-court major, Seyboth Wild had only competed in one Grand Slam tournament - the 2020 US Open - and hadn't yet claimed a main draw victory at a Tour-level event. "I've watched Daniil play throughout my entire junior career and up until today," said Seyboth Wild, who will face Argentine Guido Pella in the next round. "I've always dreamed about playing on this court, playing these kind of players. In my best dreams I've been beaten them, so it is a dream come true." The 23-year-old made 69 winners and, after losing two set points in the second set tie-break,

elevated his game in the final two sets to record the most significant victory of his career. Medvedev arrived in Paris freshly triumphant, having secured his first clay-tournament title just a week prior in Rome, but his second Grand Slam title hopes were dashed at the outset. "For sure I'm really disappointed," Medvedev confessed in a crowded press conference. "I'm going to be thinking about this match for a week. But for the moment, I don't see anything wrong I did." The 27-year-old, who claimed the US Open championship in 2021, had won five titles this season, including two ATP Masters tournaments, surpassing any other player on the Tour.

IOC Condemns Police Action Against India Wrestlers

NEW DELHI (BBC) -The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has condemned the way India's top wrestlers are being treated during their ongoing protest. It has also demanded an investigation into allegations that Indian wrestling chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh sexually harassed female athletes. The wrestlers were temporarily detained by police on Sunday as they tried to march to the new parliament building. They were demanding the resignation and arrest of the federation chief. Mr Singh, who is also an influential MP from the governing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has denied the allegations and accused the wrestlers of being "politically motivated". On Tuesday, he told reporters that the Delhi police was investigating and that they would arrest him if they found anything against him. "Let the investigation take place, it is in the hands of Delhi police,"



Indian police drag away and detain protesting wrestlers. he said. Olympic medallists Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia and two-time world champion medallist Vinesh Phogat, were among those who were detained and later released by the police on Sunday. The police also filed cases including of rioting against them. Visuals of the athletes being dragged and carried off in buses went viral, sparking criticism from top athletes and opposition politicians. In a statement on Tuesday night, the IOC "urged the safety and well-being of these athletes" and called for "a speedy conclusion" of the investigation. It said it had been in close contact with United World Wrestling (UWW) - the international organiza-

nization governing amateur wrestling - over the situation. The UWW also issued a statement on Tuesday saying that it was following "with great concern" the wrestlers' protests "over allegations of abuse and harassment by the president of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)". "It expresses its disappointment over the lack of results of the investigations so far," the statement said and added that the UWW would hold a meeting with the wrestlers to inquire about their safety and "reconfirm our support for a fair and just resolution of their concerns". The UWW also said that it might suspend the WFI if its upcoming elections were not held on time. The wrestlers, who have been protesting for over a month now, had first protested in January but called it off after Mr Singh was stripped of his administrative powers by the sports ministry and the government promised to investigate their complaints.

Guardiola Named LMA, Premier League Manager of the Year



Manchester City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola poses with the Premier League trophy after the presentation ceremony following the English Premier League football match between Manchester City and Chelsea at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, north west England, on May 21, 2023.

LONDON (AFP) - Pep Guardiola was named the League Managers Association (LMA) and Premier League Manager of the Year on Tuesday after guiding Manchester City to the Premier League title. Guardiola led City to their fifth league crown in six seasons and the club are set to face Manchester United in the FA Cup final on Saturday and Inter Milan in the Champions League final a week later. "I am at an incredible foot-

ball club and without all of the support that I have had throughout my time here, this would not have been possible," Guardiola said in a club statement. Guardiola saw off competition from Arsenal's Mikel Arteta, Brighton & Hove Albion's Roberto De Zerbi, Newcastle United's Eddie Howe, Burnley's Vincent Kompany and Plymouth Argyle's Steven Schumacher to win the LMA award.