

Davoudi Bags 3 Gold Medals in IWF Grand Prix I



TEHRAN – Iranian weightlifter **Ali Davoudi has grabbed three gold medals in the 2023 IWF Grand Prix I held in Havana, Cuba.**

In his first snatch attempt, Davoudi lifted 195 kg. He then failed to lift 203, but on his third attempt, he succeeded to lift 203 kg and won the gold medal at the 2023 IWF Grand Prix.

In clean and jerk, Davoudi lifted 238 kg in his first attempt.

Then he failed to lift 251 kg and 252 kg on the second and third attempts. However, he grabbed the gold medal by lifting 238 kg on his first attempt.

He also claimed the gold medal with a total lift of 441 kg.

The 2023 IWF Grand Prix I held in Havana, Cuba on June 8-18, 2023, was a qualification event for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Iranian Jiu-Jitsu Athletes Win Two Gold Medals in UAE



TEHRAN – Iranian Jiu-Jitsu practitioners have won two gold medals at the Dubai World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship.

Ashkan Moradi and Mehran Sajjadi each won gold medals in the 120 kg and 60 kg weight categories re-

spectively. Over 60 athletic academies from 80 countries participated in the Dubai World Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship.

The Professional Jiu-Jitsu Championship was held from June 16-18, 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Verstappen Takes Red Bull's 100th Win in Formula One

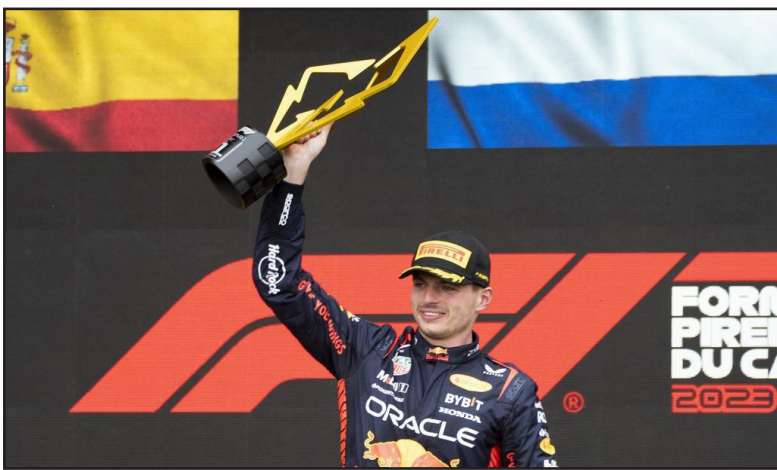
MONTREAL (Reuters) - Max Verstappen has won the Canadian Grand Prix from pole position to stretch his Formula One championship lead and take Red Bull's milestone 100th victory.

The Dutch 25-year-old led every lap as he took his career tally to 41 wins on Sunday, stepping up alongside Brazil's late triple champion Ayrton Senna in the record books.

Fernando Alonso finished second for Aston Martin at Montreal's Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, the Spaniard's sixth podium in eight races, with Britain's seven times world champion Lewis Hamilton third for Mercedes.

Hamilton was followed home by the two Ferraris, with Charles Leclerc taking fourth and Carlos Sainz fifth.

Red Bull have won every race so far this season and Canada was double world champion Verstappen's sixth of the cam-



Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen, of the Netherlands, celebrates his victory after the Formula One Canadian Grand Prix auto race Sunday, July 18, 2023, in Montreal.

paign and fourth in a row.

As impressive as those results have been, Red Bull team principal Christian Horner took the opportunity after the race to issue a scary warning that his team is capable of winning every grand prix this season.

"Today, to win the 100th grand

prix for the team that's pretty incredible," said Verstappen, who has now led more than 200 consecutive laps.

"I never expected to be in these kinds of numbers myself as well, we keep enjoying, we keep working hard but today has been a great day."

While Red Bull toasted a landmark victory it was not a perfect day for the team as Sergio Perez's worrying run of below-par performances continued with the Mexican failing to get on the podium for the third consecutive race.

After a poor qualifying effort that saw him start 12th, Perez moved up to finish sixth and take the bonus point for the fastest lap.

Despite his recent struggles Perez remains second in the drivers standings, but a whopping 69 points behind Verstappen who leads with 195.

There was also some disappointment in the Aston Martin garage with the team unable to deliver the double podium result owner Lawrence Stroll had asked for at his home race.

While Alonso reached the podium, the Canadian billionaire's son Lance Stroll finished ninth.

Spain Win Shootout to Deny Croatia in Nations League Final



Spain's defender Nacho Fernandez (center) holds the UEFA Nations League Cup as Spain's players celebrate on the podium after winning the penalty shootouts and the UEFA Nations League final football match between Croatia and Spain at the De Kuip Stadium in Rotterdam on June 18, 2023.

ROTTERDAM (Reuters) - Serial winner Dani Carvajal converted the decisive spot-kick to hand Spain a first title in more than a decade as they edged Croatia 5-4 in a penalty shootout to win the Nations League in Rotterdam on Sunday.

The 31-year-old, who has won five Champions League titles with Real Madrid, calmly chipped home Spain's sixth kick of the shootout as they claimed their first silverware since the 2012 European Championship.

The final at the Feyenoord Stadium ended goalless after extra time, and defeat on penalties was a further heartbreak for an expectant Croatia, who were runners-up at the 2018 World Cup and third in Qatar last year, but are yet to win a title.

Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon first saved from Lovro Majer in the shootout, giving Aymeric Laporte a chance to win the contest, but the defender blasted his effort against the crossbar to leave it 4-4 after five kicks each. But Simon came up trumps

again with another save, this time from Bruno Petkovic, before Carvajal wrapped up victory.

"It was a very tight match, we knew we weren't going to win easily," said Simon.

Spain were Nations League runners-up two years ago to France and success will come as a major fillip after a disappointing World Cup in Qatar, where they were upset by Morocco in the last-16.

Spain should have opened the scoring in the 12th minute after stealing possession away from Croatia but Gavi dragged his shot wide.

A long ball from deep in Croatia's half caught out Spain's high defensive line and allowed Andrej Kramaric a breakaway chance in the 23rd minute but Laporte chased back to make a superb tackle.

In the second half, Croatia's Ivan Perisic made headway down the left flank and provided an inviting cross that Mario Pasalic missed and Josip Juranovic followed up with a wild effort well wide of goal.

Frances Tiafoe Wins Thrilling Stuttgart Open Final



United States' Frances Tiafoe returns the ball to Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff (not in photograph) during the final match of the Stuttgart Open, in Stuttgart, Germany, on June 18, 2023.

STUTT GART (AFP) - Third-seeded Frances Tiafoe survived a

championship point and outlasted home favorite Jan-Lennard Struff to win the Boss Open title 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (8) on Sunday in Stuttgart, Germany.

By winning his third career title and first on grass in 2 hours and 12 minutes, the 25-year-old American will move into the Top 10 in the ATP Tour rankings for the first time on Monday.

Tiafoe saved the championship point trailing 7-6 in the third-set tiebreak. He withstood 28 aces from Struff and finished with 36 winners and just four unforced errors. Struff ripped 56 winners with 13 unforced errors and recorded the match's only service break in

the seventh game of the opening set.

Home favorite and No. 6 seed Tallon Griekspoor rallied to beat Australian Jordan Thompson 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-3 to win his second career title in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

Griekspoor saved five of seven break points and finished the 2-hour, 35-minute match with a narrow 108-107 edge in total points. The 26-year-old Dutchman won his first tournament in January at the Maharashtra Open in India.

Thompson was denied his first singles title. Griekspoor recorded the pivotal service break in the sixth game of the deciding set.

PSG Close to Appointing Ex-Spain Boss Luis Enrique

PARIS (BBC) - French champions Paris St-Germain are close to appointing Luis Enrique as their new manager.

PSG have not yet confirmed the exit of boss Christophe Galtier, but it is widely assumed his spell at the club will come to an end this summer.

Galtier, 56, was appointed as Mauricio Pochettino's successor in July 2022 but fell short of expectations.

Luis Enrique has been linked with numerous jobs since leaving Spain after the World Cup in Qatar.

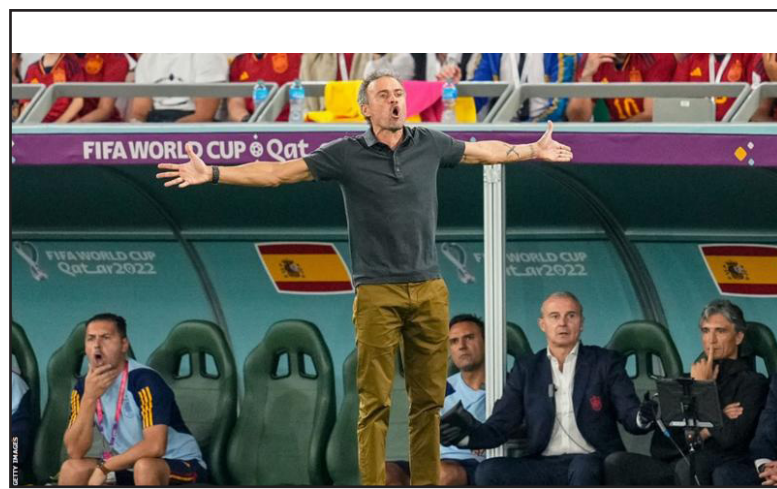
PSG turned to the 53-year-old after talks with former Bayern Munich manager Julian Nagelsmann ended without agreement.

Luis Enrique made his name as a player with Barcelona before becoming head coach at the Nou Camp between 2014 and 2017.

PSG are intent on resetting the club and trying to build a team rather than continuing the policy of signing a collection of expensive high-profile players, which has so far failed to deliver the Champions League success demanded by the club's Qatari owners.

Galtier made a strong start to life in the French capital, avoiding defeat in 22 games across all competitions, and PSG sat five points clear at the top of Ligue 1 when the season paused for the World Cup.

However, they lost nine times



Luis Enrique left his role as Spain boss after they were knocked out of the World Cup by Morocco in the last 16

after club football resumed and limped over the line to finish just a point clear of Lens in the

league, while exiting the Champions League in the last 16 to Bayern.