

# Iran Women Ice Hockey Team Runner-Up at EHL Tournament



TEHRAN – The Iranian women’s ice hockey team ranked second place at the Emirates Hockey League (EHL) tournament held at Hili Fun City in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The Iranian women’s ice hockey team lost to an Emirati team, Al Dhabi, 4-2 in the final match and stood in second place in the sporting event.

Iranian sportswomen reached the semi-finals by defeating opponents from the Philippines, Mexico, and the UAE.

In the semi-finals, Iran’s squad thrashed Bani Yas Sporting Club 9-0 to reach the finals.

The tournament wrapped up on September 9 in the city of Al Ain.

## Canada Outlast U.S. in OT, Capture First-Ever Basketball World Cup Medal

MANILA (Reuters) - Canada bagged their first-ever FIBA Basketball World Cup podium finish at the expense of undermanned United States 127-118 in overtime in a riveting, record-setting bronze medal game on Sunday in Manila.

Hot-shooting Dillon Brooks, who will play for the Houston Rockets next season, powered the Canadians with his tournament-high 39 points, hitting seven of eight 3-pointers, along with four rebounds and five assists. It was the most points scored for a player in a medal-winning game in tournament history.

Brooks earned MVP chants from the crowd with his all-time performance, a far cry from the loudest of boos in Canada’s previous games.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Canada’s leading scorer, rebounder and passer, finished with 31 points, six rebounds and 12 assists. “It was fun trying to take what the defense

gives me,” he told reporters.

Team USA’s NBA Rookie of the Year Paolo Banchero, Defensive Player of the Year Jaren Jackson Jr, and forward Brandon Ingram were sidelined due to illness.

Team USA’s leading scorer, Anthony Edwards of the Minnesota Timberwolves, recorded 24 points, five rebounds and three assists. Fan favourite Austin Reaves sparked U.S. off the bench with 23 points, while three more U.S. players scored in double-digits.

Canada capitalized on a characteristically lethargic U.S. start to take a 34-21 lead in the first quarter, before Team USA stormed back in a see-saw second quarter to trim their deficit to 56-58 by halftime.

Brooklyn Nets forward Mikal Bridges sent the game into overtime by rebounding his own missed free throw and then hitting a corner three with 0.6 seconds to go. Canada’s Kelly Olynyk missed po-



Canada players celebrate with their bronze medals after the match .

tentially game-winning three at the buzzer, ending the fourth quarter at 111 each.

Team USA, previously unbeaten in their four bronze medal matches, recorded the most points they have conceded in a World Cup game.

Canada achieved multiple milestones in the tournament, including

semi-final debut, while qualifying for the Summer Olympics for the first time since 2000.

Despite the defeat, the United States finished better than their seventh spot in 2019, their worst-ever major international tournament result. The U.S. have won the tournament a record five times.

## Germany in Freefall After 4-1 Shock Loss to Japan



Antonio Rudiger in action with Japan's Takehiro Tomiyasu

WOLFSBURG (AFP) - Euro 2024 hosts Germany slumped to a shock 4-1

home loss to Japan in their international friendly on Saturday, deepening the sense

of crisis hanging over them after their third straight loss less than nine months before the continental tournament.

The four-time world champions, who crashed out of last year’s World Cup group stage after also losing to Japan, have won just four of their last 17 international matches, putting coach Hansi Flick’s future in doubt.

They next face World Cup finalists France on Tuesday.

“We have to be honest and say that Japan was better. They let the ball run, they played the right spaces, carved out their goals. They were better,” Germany captain Ilkay Gundogan said.

“We made far too many individual mistakes. We have to admit that we are just not on the same level with teams like the

one today. It is hard but the trend speaks for itself.”

“We have to accept that we are just not good enough at the moment. That’s the reality. Maybe we even think we are better than we are.”

The Germans, despite a strong start, were without a clear plan, lacking in confidence and energy while also littering the pitch with errors and allowing their opponents to ride roughshod over them as the home fans booed and whistled.

Japan scored with their first real chance as Junya Ito silenced the home crowd in the 11th minute by turning in a low cross at the far post.

The hosts bounced back, leveling in the 19th following a superb passing move and a left-footed finish from Leroy Sane.

## Farah Bows Out With Fourth-Place Finish at Great North Run

LONDON (AFP) – British distance great Mo Farah completed what he said will be the final race of his celebrated career by finishing fourth in the Great North Run on Sunday.

The four-time Olympic champion, who twice won gold medals over both 5,000 and 10,000 metres on the track, announced earlier this year he would bring the curtain down on his time as an athlete at the half-marathon race in northeast England.

Farah ran a time of 1 hour, three minutes and 28 seconds, with Ethiopia’s Tamirat Tola winning the race in 59 min 58 sec.

The 40-year-old Farah, a six-time winner of the Great North Run, was cheered home by spectators lining the course, with fans offering high fives as



Britain's Mo Farah in action during the run

he neared the finish line.

“Amazing support,” Farah told the BBC. “It is the end of my career. I wanted to come here and celebrate.

“It has been an amazing career.”

He added: “I wanted to end my career here in Newcastle. I won here six times. I wanted to take it all in and enjoy it.

“All I know is running. That is what made me happy for many years.”

## Coco Gauff Beats Sabalenka, Wins U.S. Open



American tennis player Coco Gauff talks to the media after defeating Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka in the Women's Singles final tennis match on Day Thirteen of the U.S. Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Photo:

NEW YORK (Reuters) - American teenager Coco Gauff mounted a fierce comeback to beat Belarusian second seed Aryna Sabalenka 2-6 6-3 6-2 in the U.S. Open women’s final on Saturday and claim her first Grand Slam title in front of adoring home fans.

With the win, sixth seed Gauff became the first American to win a U.S. Open singles title since Sloane Stephens in 2017.

Gauff, 19, fed off noisy local support as she mounted a terrific second set fight back and kept the momentum going until the end of the battle before fall-

ing to the court on Arthur Ashe Stadium as she clinched the title with a backhand winner.

Sabalenka had a superb start but could not keep the momentum going as unforced errors piled up and she closed her 2023 Grand Slam run, which included an Australian Open title and semi-finals at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, on a disappointing note.

“I feel like I am a little bit in shock in this moment,” said Gauff, who lost in her only previous major final appearance last year at Roland Garros.

## Martin Holds Off Wounded Italians to Seal San Marino GP Double

MISANO ADRIATICO (Reuters) - Pramac Racing’s Jorge Martin led the San Marino Grand Prix in Misano Adriatico from start to finish on Sunday to complete a second sprint and race double of the season and cut Francesco Bagnaia’s championship lead to 36 points.

The Spaniard finished 1.350 seconds ahead of Marco Bezzecchi of VR46 Racing, who was hampered by a wrist injury he suffered at the Catalan Grand Prix.

Ducati’s MotoGP world champion Bagnaia, who had his leg run over in a separate crash last week, finished third.

Bagnaia is top of the riders’ standings with 283 points, with Martin (247) in second and Bezzecchi (218) in third.

After his sprint and race double this weekend and a third-placed finish in Catalunya, Martin has reduced Bagnaia’s lead by 30 points in just two weeks.

“Today, with Marco and Bagnaia,

it was going to be really tough. I tried to stay in front for all the laps and as soon as I saw a bit of a gap I started pushing like hell,” Martin said.

“Winning here in Italy, in front of the Italian guys, that’s big.”

As they did in Saturday’s sprint race, the trio of Martin, Bezzecchi and Bagnaia shot off the line and built an early gap to the rest of the pack, turning the race into a three-way shootout.

While the sure-footed Martin led throughout the race, Bezzecchi had to contend with early disappointment, after he briefly overtook Bagnaia for second but then immediately ran wide on the next turn to fall back into third.

However, as the race wore on, the injuries from the Catalan GP appeared to take their toll on Bagnaia, and Bezzecchi once again leapfrogged him in the 19th lap. On the second time of asking, the 24-year-old made the move stick.

## Antony Delays Manchester Utd Return to Address Assault Allegations

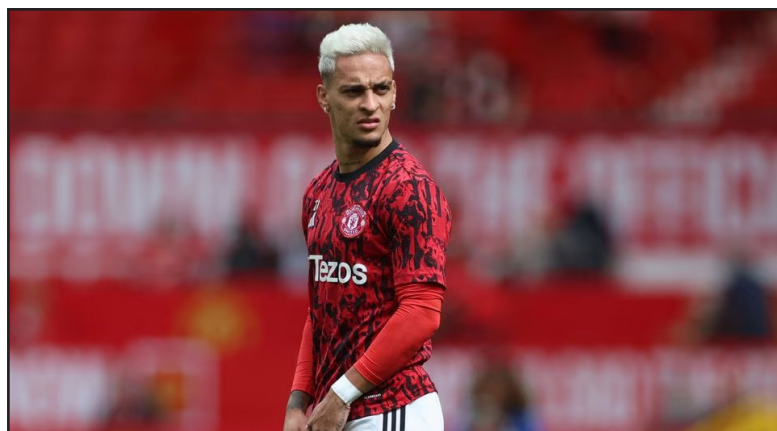
MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Antony will not immediately return to Manchester United while the Brazil striker addresses assault allegations against him, the Premier League club said on Sunday.

“Manchester United acknowledges the allegations made against Antony,” the club said in a brief statement.

“Players who have not participated in international matches are due back in training on Monday. However, it has been agreed with Antony that he will delay his return until further notice in order to address the allegations.”

Antony was withdrawn from Brazil’s squad for two World Cup qualifying matches amid police investigations into allegations made by his former girlfriend Gabriela Cavallin. Antony has denied any wrongdoing.

“I have agreed with Manchester United to take a period of absence while I address the allegations made against



Manchester United's Antony during the warm up before the match

me,” the player wrote in a post on Instagram. “This was a mutual decision to avoid distraction to my teammates and unnecessary controversy for the club.

“I want to reiterate my innocence of the things I have been accused of, and I will fully cooperate with the police to help them reach the truth, I look forward

to returning to play as soon as possible.”

Both Brazil and Greater Manchester Police are investigating the allegations. Two more women have since come forward to claim they were physically assaulted by Antony, who has not been arrested or charged and has denied those claims as well.