

Iran's Visually Challenged Powerlifters Win 8 Medals at IBSA World Games

World Games in the United Kingdom, returning with eight medals, including one gold and six silver.

Javad Ghane Mashhad competed in the 56-kilogram weight division of the men's bench open event at the Symphony Hall of Birmingham and lifted 102.5 kilograms to win a gold medal in the bench press.

In the deadlift, he hit 170 kilograms to stand behind Volodymyr Shaulytskyi from Ukraine, and settled for the silver medal.

In the 60-kilogram weight category, Rasoul Nasiri pocketed two silver medals in both the bench press and deadlift divisions.

Mehdi Baharzadeh also snatched a silver medal in the bench press and a bronze in the deadlift contests of the 75-kilogram weight class.

Moreover, Ahad Javaheri took home two silver medals in both the bench press and deadlift events of the 82.5-kilogram category.

The 2023 IBSA World Games kicked off in Britain on August 14 and will run through August 27.

The international sporting event brings together more than 1250 competitors with visual impairment from 70 nations, according to reports.



TEHRAN - Visually challenged Iranian athletes have put up a sterling show at the 2023 International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA)

Volleballers Fall Short Against Japan at Asian Championship



TEHRAN - Iran lost to Japan in straight sets (25-20, 25-18, 25-18) on Saturday to win the title of the 2023 Asian Volleyball Championship in Urmia, Iran.

Japan Yuji Nishida scored 15 points, while Milad Ebadipour led Iran with eight points.

Japan, nicknamed Ryujin Nippon, won the title for the 10th time.

Japan are the best Asian team in the FIVB ranking sitting in fifth place, while Iran is in the 10th place.

Earlier on Friday, Iran beat

China 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-23) in the event.

South Korea and Iran have won the trophy four times each.

In the competition held in Urmia, Iran from Aug. 19 to 26, Behrouz Ataei's side defeated Hong Kong 3-0 and Iraq 3-1 Pool A.

Iran then defeated Pakistan 3-0 in Round of 12 and beat China 3-0 to book a place in the final match.

Earlier in the day, Qatar defeated China 3-0 to win the bronze medal.

22nd Road Cycling Race Grand Prix Kicks Off in Tabriz

TABRIZ - The 22nd Road Cycling Race Grand Prix started work in the presence of Iranian and foreign cyclists in Iran's northwestern city of Tabriz on Saturday.

The event used to be held in the presence of Iranian cyclists, but due to its registration in the International Cycling Union (UCI) it will be held in the presence of foreign cyclists and as the first stage of the 36th tour of Iran-

Azerbaijan, the IRNA reported on Saturday.

As many as 156 cyclists from Iraq, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Japan, the Philippines, the Netherlands and Iran attended the event.

The tour starts from Manzarieh Square and the cyclists race heads towards the historical village of Kandovan through Sahand highway.



Vania Yavari Gets Table Tennis Bronze in Jordan

TEHRAN - Iran's female ping pong player Vania Yavari has bagged a bronze medal at the 2023 WTT Youth Contender Amman underway in Jordan.

Yavari could receive a bronze medal in the under-15-year-olds.

She defeated opponents from Jordan, Morocco, and Lebanon to reach the



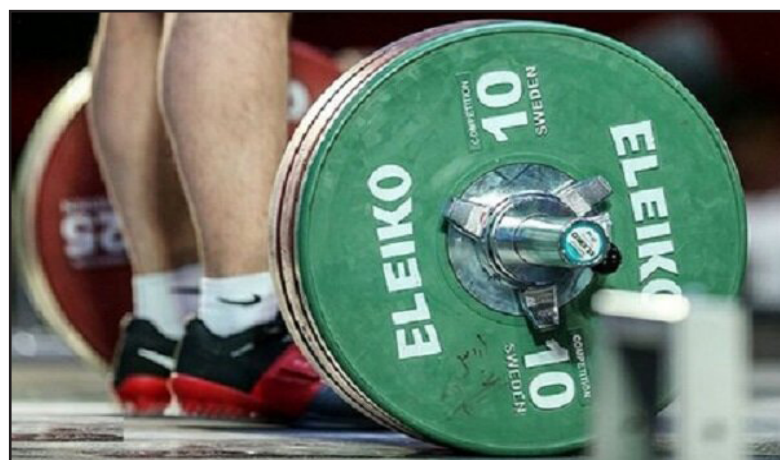
semi-finals.

In the semifinals, Yavari lost to her Indian rival and failed to reach the final.

Earlier, Yavari snatched a silver medal in the under-13-year-olds.

The WTT Youth Contender Amman 2023 is underway in Amman, Jordan from August 22 to 25.

Soltani Wins Gold at World Weightlifting Championships



TEHRAN - Iran veteran weightlifter Mohsen Soltani won a gold medal in the men's 89kg class of the 2023 Masters World Weightlifting Championships underway in Wieliczka, Poland.

Soltani competed against his rivals in the 89kg category and won the gold medal by lifting

289kg in the sporting event.

In this category, athletes from Germany and Italy stood in second and third places respectively.

The 2023 Masters World Weightlifting Championships are underway in Wieliczka, Poland from August 18 to 26.

Pochettino Gets First Chelsea Win With 3-0 Defeat of Luton



Chelsea's Argentinian head coach Mauricio Pochettino hugs Chelsea's English midfielder Raheem Sterling as he walks off the pitch during the English Premier League soccer match between Chelsea and Luton at Stamford Bridge in London on Aug 25, 2023.

LONDON (Reuters) - Chelsea won their first competitive match under coach Mauricio Pochettino with a 3-0 home victory over Premier League new boys Luton Town on Friday thanks to two goals by Raheem Sterling and Nicolas Jackson's first strike for the Londoners.

Sterling received the ball from wing back Malo Gus-

to, cut in from the right and weaved his way through Luton's defense before shooting low into the far corner in the 17th minute for one of his best goals in a Chelsea shirt.

The duo combined again in the 68th when Gusto ran onto a pass from British record transfer signing Moises Caicedo, looking composed on his first start for Chelsea,

and the Frenchman crossed for a simple finish by Sterling.

Seven minutes later, the England winger turned provider as he crossed for Jackson and the Senegal striker stretched out a boot to score his first Chelsea goal since signing from Villarreal in June.

It was the big-spending Blues' first win of the season after an opening day 1-1 draw against Liverpool and last Sunday's 3-1 defeat at West Ham United and only their second win in 15 Premier League games including last season's dreadful run.

Luton, playing just their second top-division game in 31 years - after opening with a 4-1 defeat at Brighton & Hove Albion - and with a side assembled largely from players out of the lower divisions, spurned a chance to

level on the hour.

Ryan Giles had the goal at his mercy but Gusto half-blocked his shot and keeper Robert Sanchez reached for the looping ball.

Shankule Delivers Ethiopian Marathon Gold

BUDAPEST (AFP) - Amane Beriso Shankule beat defending champion and compatriot Gotytom Gebreslase to give Ethiopia their third women's marathon title in the past five editions of the World Athletics Championships on Saturday.

The runners had to brave scorching and humid conditions in Budapest with temperatures hitting 29 degrees Celsius (84 degrees Fahrenheit) by the time the race finished.

However, conditions became even more challenging for the decathletes, female shot putters and spectators in the stadium.

Some revelled in it but others like decathlon overnight leader Leo Neugebauer of Germany wilted at the start of day two, the 23-year-old slipping to fourth after the first



two events of the day.

Canada's world silver medallist Pierce LePage topped the standings going into the morning's final event, the pole vault.

Whoever prevails will be a new world champion as France's titleholder Kevin Mayer withdrew with an injury on Friday.

Shankule, whose victory at last

year's Valencia marathon put her third on the world all-time list, timed 2hr 24min 23sec to win gold on the streets of the Hungarian capital.

Defending champion Gotytom Gebreslase claimed silver, 11sec behind, with Morocco's Fatima Ezzahra Gardadi taking bronze in 2:25.17.