Iran's Kabaddi Athletes

Win Silver in Asian Games

to stop Pawan.

Iranian team.

(self-out).

However, the Indian contingent,

including players and officials,

began arguing with the on-court

After further review and per-

haps another referral, the officials

decided to award three points

to India. It's mentioned that the

number of points could vary de-

pending on the number of players

who went out with Pawan. This

decision led to protests from the

According to the old rule, India

would get four (or possibly five)

points, while the new rule would

give one point to each team be-

cause one of the Iranian defend-

ers (Bastami) went out of the line

umpire and the TV officials.

Yazdani, Emami, Zareh Win Gold **Medals at Asian Games**



TEHRAN – The Iranian free-style wrestlers managed to win the finals of their weight category and snatch three gold medals in the 2022 Asia Games underway in Hangzhou, China.

Following the free-style wrestling competitions in the last for weight categories, Iran's Younes Emami won over his Japanese rival 9-0 in the 74 kg weight category and snatched the

Emami reached the finals after he defeated his Kyrgyz, Chinese, and Tajik rivals, respectively 7-2, 10-2, and

With Emami's gold, the Iranian squad's gold medals reached 10.

Another Iranian athlete, Hassan Yazdani won the gold medal in the 86 kg final match of freestyle wrestling of the competitions.

He won over his Indian rival 10-0.

Yazdani reached the gold medal without giving a single point to his rivals.

Iranian freestyle wrestler Amir Hossein Zareh claimed a gold medal by defeating his Mongolian rival 7-0 in the 125kg weight category.

Mojtabi Goleij also lost to his Russian rival 6-1 and won the silver medal. Earlier on Friday, Iranian freestyle wrestler Rahman Amouzad took a silver medal in the 2022 Asian Games.

With more than 12,000 competitors from 45 nations and territories, the Asian Games has more participants than the Olympics.

Iran has sent 289 male and female athletes to the Games in 34 sports

Record-Breaker Biles Wins Sixth All-Around Wo<mark>rld Title</mark>

ANTWERP (Reuters) American Simone Biles won her sixth all-around title at the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships on Friday to become the most decorated gymnast in the history of the sport.

Biles posted a total of 58.399 after a stellar performance on the vault before she kept up the pressure on the bars before excelling on the beam and despite a stumble on the floor the American nailed her tumbling routine to triumph.

Biles, who won her first all-around world title as a 16-year-old in Antwerp a decade ago, has claimed a total of 27 world medals -- including 21 golds -- having also led the U.S. women's team to a seventh consecutive title on



United States' Simone Biles

Wednesday.

She has also surpassed Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record of 33 medals in total at the Olympics and world championships.

"I was emotional because 10 years (ago) I won my first worlds, now we're back here.

So it was emotional," Biles

"It means everything to me, the fight, everything that I've put in to get back to this place to feel comfortable and confident enough to compete."

The American, who returned to international competition

after a two-year hiatus from the sport to protect her mental health, now has five skills bearing her name, two on floor exercise, two on vault and one on balance beam.

"I'm proud of the work that I've put in to get to this point. I don't think it will hit me until maybe I retire and then look back and see everything that I've done," added Biles.

Former world champion, Brazilian Rebeca Andrade, was second with a total of 56.766 after a superb floor routine. American Shilese Jones completed the podium with a score of 56.332.

Biles is set to compete in the vault and uneven bars finals on Saturday before beam and floor exercise finals on Sun-

Swiatek Ends Gauff's 16-Match Winning Streak in Beijing

TEHRAN - Iran's men's kabaddi

team claimed a silver medal after los-

ing to India 33-29 in the final match

of the 2022 Asian Games in a contro-

With one minute remaining,

Pawan Sehrawat from the Indian

team was forced to go in for a

do-or-die raid. During his raid,

Pawan went out of bounds with-

out making contact with any Ira-

In response, Amirhossein Basta-

mi and three other Iranian de-

fenders rushed towards Pawan in

sion, as it was unclear whether

Pawan had been successfully

tackled or not. Initially, Iran was

awarded a point for their efforts

an attempt to push him out. This led to a moment of confu-

versial match on Saturday.

nian defenders.



Swiatek snaps Gauff's incredible 16-match win streak

BEIJING (AP) — Second-ranked Iga Swiatek ended Coco Gauff's 16-match winning streak as she advanced to the China Open final with a dominant 6-2, 6-3 victory over the U.S. Open champion on Saturday.

It was the 19-year-old Gauff's first loss since the quarterfinals in Montreal, a span that included titles in Cincinnati and at Flushing Mead-

Swiatek will meet No.22-ranked Liudmila Samsonova in Sunday's final, after the Russian ousted fifthseeded Elena Rybakina 7-6 (7), 6-3.

The Polish player made just four unforced errors in the first set, keeping consistent pressure on Gauff's serve, and made a decisive break at 3-1 to ease through the set in 40

Swiatek maintained her vice-like grip on the match, breaking Gauff at the start of the second set to lead

A medical timeout to have Gauff's right shoulder assessed didn't break Swiatek's momentum as she closed it out to extend her head-to-head record against her rival to 8-1.

"I'm really happy with my performance," Swiatek said. "It feels like I can play freely again, so I'm really happy. It's been a while since I felt that way. So, I'll remember for the rest of my career that even though tougher times may come, in your mind, you can always overcome that. And with hard work, you can achieve it."

Samsonova blazed her way to a

second WTA 1000 final this year

with a straight-sets win as she re-

mained unbeaten against Rybakina

in four meetings. The Russian player made the first break to lead 5-4, but immediately surrended the advantage as the first set went to a tiebreak. Samsonova finally clinched the set at her third opportunity.

Samsonova, who hit 33 winners, then made the decisive break in the second set to go up 5-4 and then served out the win in 1 hour 40 min-

Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz beat Gregoire Barrere 6-2, 7-5 in the second round of the Shanghai Masters.

Alcaraz made a fast start against the 73rd-ranked Frenchman, racing to a 4-0 lead in a comfortable first set for the Spaniard.

Barrere responded in a tighter second but Alcaraz forced a break to take a 6-5 lead and then coolly served out the win.

Alcaraz next meets 30th-seeded Daniel Evans or qualifier Mikhail Kukushkin.

In his first appearance in Shanghai since winning the title in 2019, Daniil Medvedev was ruthless as he overpowered 98th-ranked Cristian Garin 6-3, 6-3 for his 60th win of the season.

"I'm going to try my best, I'm going to try to play more good matches in the tournaments I have left this season," the third-ranked Medvedev said about his prospects of passing his 2021 record of 63 wins in a sea-

The Russian player can claim a 61st victory against 26th-seeded Sebastian Korda in the third round.

Chinese Swimmers Zhang, Qin Named Asian Games MVPs



Chinese swimmer Zhang Yufei was named the Asian Games most valuable woman athlete.

HANGZHOU (AFP) - Chinese swimmers Zhang Yufei and Qin

Haiyang were named the top athletes of the Hangzhou Asian Games on Saturday and then pledged to use their awards as inspiration for the Paris Olympics.

The multi-sports event usually names just one most valuable player, but this time there were senarate men's and women's awards.

Olympic champion Zhang collected a leading six gold medals after winning the 50, 100 and 200m butterfly, 50m freestyle and two relays.

"It's a great honor," said Zhang via video-link from Berlin, where she is preparing for a World Cup

"It was a memorable experience and this is a new milestone for me as an athlete.

"It will leave a lasting mark in my memory and boost my confidence to work harder for the Paris Olympics."

Qin, who claimed an unprecedented 50-100-200m breaststroke hat-trick at the world championships in Fukuoka in July, repeated the feat on home soil.

He also won two relay gold and a 200m medley silver.

"It wasn't in my plan before the Games to be MVP, I just wanted to makes personal breakthroughs," said Oin, who is also in Germany.

"My performance was great, but I aim to hopefully reach new heights in Paris next year."

Lecce, Sassuolo Draw 1-1 in Serie A; Empoli-Udinese Draw 0-0

ROME (AP) — Lecce and Sassuolo drew 1-1 in Serie A on Friday, with Domenico Berardi and Nikola Krstović trading goals.

Berardi converted a penalty for Sassuolo midway through the first half and Krstović equalized after the break by slotting in a loose ball inside the area following a corner. Berardi has five goals and

Krstović has four this season.

Lecce is seventh with 12 points through eight rounds and Sassuolo is two points behind in ninth.

Empoli and Udinese drew 0-0 to leave both clubs on the edge of the relegation zone. The result could cost Udinese coach Andrea Sottil his job, with the Friuli club still winless.

