

Iranian Jiu-Jitsu Fighters Shine in European Championship



TEHRAN – Iran's Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioners have won ten medals at the European IBJJF Jiu-Jitsu Championship (known as European Open) held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Iran's Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu team stood in third place by winning 6 gold, 1 silver, and 3 bronze medals in the Grand Prix No-Gi division.

Muhammad-Sadra Bahrami, Parsa Mahmoudi, Muhammad-

Amin Jamshidi, Fardia Pour-sheibani, Ghaffar Mirzaei, and Saeed Yazdani each won gold medals in the 66kg, 72kg, 62kg, 50kg, 85kg, and 120 kg weight categories respectively.

Hussein Farhangkhah (94kg) bagged the silver medal, while Sam Seyyed Mousavi (94kg), Mehdi Modanlou (77kg), and Parsa Abbadirad (72kg) reach received bronze medals in the sporting event.

Iran's 23-Man Squad Named for Jordan Tournament



TEHRAN – Iran Head Coach Amir Ghalenoei has invited 23 players for the four-a-side football tournament in Jordan.

Iran is scheduled to play Iraq on October 13 and will meet the winner of Jordan and Qatar match three days later.

Amir Ghalenoei's side prepares for the 2023 AFC Asian Cup, where Iran has been drawn in Group C along the UAE, Hong Kong and Palestine.

Iran's Squad:
Alireza Beiranvand, Payam

Niazmand, Hussein Hussein, Ehsan Hajzafi, Milad Muhammad, Shoja Khalilzadeh, Muhammad Hussein Kananizadegan, Morteza Pouraliganji, Mohammad Daneshgar, Amin Hazbavi, Sadeq Moharrami, Ramin Rezaeian, Rouzbeh Cheshmi, Saeid Ezatollahi, Ahmad Nourollahi, Muhammad Mohebbi, Javad Husseinnejhad, Mehdi Taremi, Saman Ghoddos, Alireza Jahanbakhsh, Mehrdad Muhammad, Karim Ansarifard, Sardar Azmoun.

Kenyan Kiptum Smashes Men's Marathon World Record in U.S.

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Kenyan Kelvin Kiptum shattered the men's marathon world record in Chicago on Sunday, winning in two hours and 35 seconds to beat compatriot Eliud Kipchoge's previous mark by more than 30 seconds.

Kiptum smashed the London Marathon course record this year and was determined to make magic again in the Windy City as he sped up through the 35-kilometre mark before thrusting his arms in the air to cheers from the crowd down the final stretch.

He had not originally targeted the record but said he knew that twice Olympic champion Kipchoge's previous mark of 2:01:09 was within reach in the final kilometres, as he dug deep to make history.

"I feel so happy. I wasn't prepared," he said at the finish line.

"A world record was not in my mind today."

He broke the tape three minutes and 27 seconds ahead of compatriot Benson Kipruto, while Belgian Bashir Abdi finished third in 2:04:32.

Kiptum and compatriot Daniel Mateiko broke away from the rest of the pack by the 10-kilometre mark and the pair were more than one-and-a-half-minutes ahead of the rest of the field by the halfway point.

Running in only his third marathon, Kiptum made it a one-man race at 35 kilometres and decided to take advantage of Chicago's famously flat course as he shifted into another gear.

He glided through the finish line, seemingly with energy to spare as he leapt into an embrace with race director Carey Pinkowski.



Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum poses next to the clock marking his time after winning the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon in Chicago, Illinois, in a world record time of two hours and 35 seconds on Oct 8, 2023.

There was also a remarkable effort in the women's race by Dutch middle-distance runner Sifan Hassan, who thwarted Kenyan Ruth

Chepngetich's bid for a third straight Chicago title in 2:13:44, the second-fastest women's marathon time ever.

Brilliant Biles Wins Two More Golds on Final Day



ANTWERP (Reuters) - American Simone Biles won the balance beam and floor events on the final day of the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships on Sunday as she wrapped up her first international

competition in two years with a haul of five medals - four golds and a silver.

The 26-year-old increased her record world and Olympics medals tally to 37, including 23 world golds.

Biles posted a total of 14.800 in the balance beam final for her impeccable routine ahead of China's Zhou Yaqin with 14.700.

Brazilian Rebeca Andrade, who beat Biles on Saturday to gold in the women's vault, posted 14.300 for bronze.

The American claimed her second gold of the day in the floor final with 14.633, 0.133 points ahead of second-placed Andrade.

Brazilian Flavia Saraiva completed the podium with a score of 13.966 for her first individual medal at the worlds.

"I wasn't too worried about medal count or medal color," Biles said. "I just wanted to go out there and do my routines again. It doesn't matter

if I'm going to get up on the podium or not, that wasn't something I cared about. I just wanted to compete confidently again.

Biles led the U.S. women's team to gold before taking a milestone sixth all-around title. She also won gold on balance beam and floor exercise after clinching silver on vault.

Jake Jarman earned Britain's first gold of the competition by winning the men's vault final earlier on Sunday to become world champion for the first time in his career.

The 21-year-old finished ahead of American Khoi Young who took silver to add to his second place in the pommel horse and bronze in the team event.

Arsenal's Thomas Partey (right) kicks the ball during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Manchester City at the Emirates Stadium in London, on Oct 8, 2023.

LONDON (Reuters) - Arsenal moved level on points with neighbors Tottenham Hotspur at the top of the Premier League after beating champions Manchester City as Liverpool were held to a 2-2 draw at Brighton & Hove Albion.

Mohammed Kudus scored an 89th-minute equalizer to earn West Ham a point against Newcastle United in a 2-2 draw and Aston Villa stayed fifth in the standings after drawing 1-1 at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Arsenal came into the match having not beaten City in the league since 2015, a run of 15 games -

their longest winless streak against a single opponent in league history.

Ending that run looked unlikely as City had the better of the chances in the first half, with Arsenal's Declan Rice clearing off the line to keep the champions at bay.

Arsenal did not have a single shot on target in the opening period, but upped the tempo after the break.

The game appeared to be edging towards a stalemate before Martinelli struck four minutes from time, a deflection off City defender Nathan Ake taking the ball past keeper Ederson.

Verstappen Adds Qatar Win to His Title Weekend

DOHA (AP) - Red Bull's Max Verstappen celebrated his first win as a triple Formula One world champion after dominating a Qatar Grand Prix peppered with pitstops and penalties on a Sunday night of sweltering heat.

The victory from pole position under the Lusail floodlights was a 14th in 17 races, and career 49th, for the 26-year-old Red Bull driver who clinched his third successive title.

Australian rookie Oscar Piastri, winner of that 19-lap sprint, finished second with McLaren team mate Lando Norris third in what became a three-stopper after Pirelli warned of the risk of blow-outs.

"It was a bit close for comfort I think in that last stint. But pace was OK. Another win, unbelievable," said Verstappen, who finished 4.8 seconds clear of Piastri.

The relatively slim gap flattered the Australian, with Verstappen never looking like he was under any pressure and also setting the fastest lap.



Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands celebrates on the podium after winning the Qatar Formula One Grand Prix auto race at the Lusail International Circuit, in Lusail, Qatar, on Oct 8, 2023.

"That was a proper quality drive," Red Bull boss Christian Horner, whose team have already won the constructors' title, told the champion over the radio.

The McLaren drivers were told to hold position at the end, although Norris was

unhappy with that.

While Verstappen looked like he had spent the evening in a sauna, the heat and humidity left others vomiting in their helmets and on the brink of collapse.

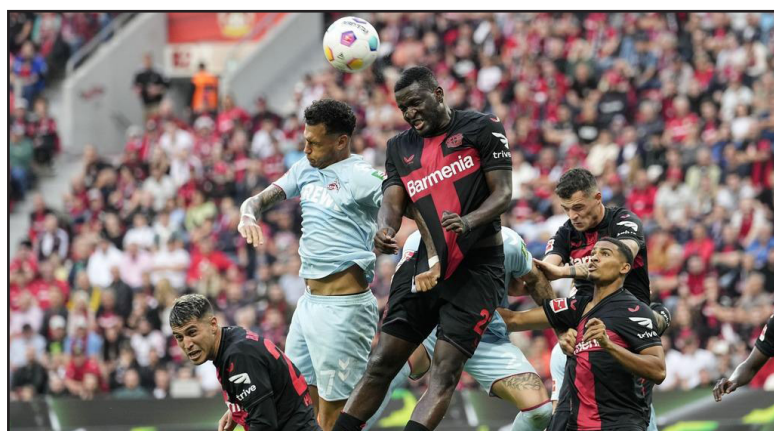
Leverkusen Ease Past Cologne to Stay Atop Bundesliga

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayer Leverkusen remain unbeaten and secured their sixth win after cruising 3-0 past Cologne in the Bundesliga on Sunday.

The hosts took the reins from the starting whistle and combined their way through Cologne's territory, but Florian Wirtz missed two presentable opportunities and Victor Boniface lacked in accuracy from 13 meters.

Leverkusen's efforts paid off in the 22nd minute when Jonas Hofmann finished off a fine combination via Wirtz to break the deadlock.

Cologne couldn't put up resistance and were two goals behind 10 minutes later after Alejandro Grimaldo teed up for Jeremie Frimpong, who finished the job into an empty net.



Leverkusen's Victor Boniface defends the ball against Cologne's Davie Selke during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Bayer Leverkusen and FC Cologne at the BayArena in Leverkusen, Germany, on Oct 8, 2023.

Cologne goalkeeper Marvin Schwabe was on guard to save a long-range attempt from Wirtz in the 35th minute.

Cologne showed signs of life

in the closing stages of the first half when Davie Selke and Eric Martel tested Leverkusen custodian Lukas Hradecky in quick succession.