

# Iranian Kurash Players Win Five More Medals at World Championship



TEHRAN – Iranian players have won five more medals at the 14th World Kurash Wrestling Championship.

Saba Karamali in the women's -78kg and Fatemeh Barmaki in the women's +87kg won two bronze medals.

Majid Vahid Barimanlou claimed a silver medal in the men's -66kg. Saeid Talebinia in the men's -60kg and Ramin Ahmadzadeh in the men's -81kg also seized two bronze medals.

Hamed Rashidi in the men's -100kg, Abolfazl Torabi in the men's +100kg, Pardis Eydivandi in the women's -57 kg, and Donya Aghaei in the women's -70kg had claimed four silver medals on Monday.

Masoud Ghavibazoo in the men's -90kg and Tahereh Azarpeyvand in the women's -63 kg had also won two bronzes.

More than 100 best Kurash players from 12 countries are competing in the tournament in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.

## Nassaji Beat Mumbai City in ACL



TEHRAN – Nassaji football team of Iran defeated India's Mumbai City 2-0 in a Group D match in the AFC Champions League 2023-24 at Azadi Stadium on Tuesday.

Muhammad Reza Azadi opened the scoring for the host in the 14th minute and in the 32nd minute Mumbai City defender Halen Nongtdu looked to pass the ball back to his goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa but could not locate

him accurately and instead sent it into the back of his own net.

Amimahdi Janmaleki received a direct red card for a high-footed reckless challenge on Sanjeev Stalin midway in the 68th minute.

The result means Mumbai City will continue its pursuit of a first point and a first goal in the campaign when it hosts Navbahor on the final matchday while Nassaji bow out from Riyadh where it takes on Al Hilal SFC next.

## Iran Women's Handball Team to Meet Poland at World Opener

TEHRAN – Iran will open its 2023 IHF World Women's Handball Championship campaign with a match against Poland on Thursday.

Team Melli has been drawn in Group F along with Poland, Japan and Germany.

Iran will play Poland at the Jyske Bank Boxen in Herning, Denmark.

Iran finished 31st in the previous edition and is going to earn a better place in this edition.

"We are the only women team in Iran to participate in the world championship and this is a great honor. I hope we can show a better performance than the previous edition," Iran's women's team caretaker Elham Solouki said.

Iran will also meet Germany



and Japan on December 2 and 4, respectively.

**Majid Rahimizadeh Named Iran Handball Coach**

Majid Rahimizadeh, former Iran youth handball coach, was named the new head coach of Iran's senior team.

He replaced Serbian coach Veselin Vujovic, who had been named Team Melli coach in April 2022.

Vujovic was sacked following poor results in the 2022 Asian Games.

As a player, Vujovic competed at the 1984 and 1988 Summer Olympics for the Yugoslavia national team and won a gold and a bronze medal in Los Angeles and Seoul, respectively.

Rahimizadeh will lead Iran at the 2024 Asian Men's Handball Championship, which will be held in Bahrain from January 11 to 25.

Iran has been drawn along with South Korea, China and New Zealand in Group B.

## Dortmund Reach Last 16 With Win at Milan



AC Milan's Nigerian midfielder #21 Samuel Chukwueze controls the ball during the UEFA Champions League Group F football match between AC Milan and Borussia Dortmund at the San Siro stadium in Milan on Nov 28, 2023.

MILAN (Reuters) - Borussia Dortmund booked their spot in the Champions League last 16 by beating AC Milan 3-1 at the San Siro in a lively Group F clash on Tuesday.

Marco Reus, Jamie Bynoe-Gittens and Karim Adeyemi were all on target to help Dortmund top the group on 10 points, with Paris St Germain, who drew 1-1 against Newcastle United, second on seven.

Milan, bottom on five points from five games, can still secure a top-two finish if they win at Newcastle and Dortmund beat PSG in the final round of games next month.

"If we avoid looking at our attacks in the first half, we did well," said Dortmund defender and player of the match Mats Hummels.

"With our possession, we managed to keep the atmosphere in check. It is great to play Champions League in such a stadium. We want to deliver again at home in two weeks and secure first place in front of our fans."

Dortmund will be confirmed as group winners if they avoid a home defeat by PSG.

Milan could have taken an early lead when they were awarded a penalty for a handball but Dortmund keeper Gregor Kobel pulled off a superb save to deny Olivier Giroud from the spot in the sixth minute.

## Celtics Take Care of Bulls, Win East Group C



Chicago Bulls guard Jevon Carter (front) drives toward the basket in front of Boston Celtics guard Jrue Holiday (4) in the second half of an NBA In-Season Tournament basketball game, on Nov 28, 2023, in Boston.

BOSTON (AP) - The Boston Celtics won East Group C by beating the visiting Chicago Bulls 124-97 on Tuesday night in the final NBA in-season tournament group-play

game for each team.

To win Group C, Boston needed to defeat Chicago by at least 23 points and needed Brooklyn to beat Toronto by no more than 18 on

Tuesday. The Nets won that game, 115-103.

Those results allowed Boston to win a three-way tiebreaker with Brooklyn and Orlando. All three teams finished with 3-1 records in tournament games.

Jaylen Brown led Boston with 30 points, eight rebounds and six assists. Jayson Tatum finished with 21 points, and Al Horford had 16 points, nine rebounds and six assists.

Coby White and DeMar DeRozan each tossed in 19 for the Bulls, who have lost their last five games and eight of their last nine. Chicago has also lost its last seven road games.

Boston's Jrue Holiday returned to the court after missing the last two games with an ankle injury, but the Celtics were still without Kristaps Porzingis, who injured his calf in the third quarter of Friday's loss

to Orlando and hasn't played since then. Holiday had 14 points, nine assists and seven rebounds.

Chicago's Alex Caruso didn't play in Sunday's loss to Brooklyn because of a toe injury, but he came off the bench to score eight points Tuesday.

The Bulls led 10-8, but the Celtics went on a 17-3 run and led 25-13 following Sam Hauser's 3-pointer with 3:06 remaining in the first quarter. Boston led 31-20 after 12 minutes.

The Celtics led by 22 points in the second quarter and held a 69-50 advantage at halftime. Boston made 13 of its 24 3-pointers in the half.

Chicago put up little resistance in the third, when Boston's lead ballooned to 32. The Celtics led 97-68 after three quarters, and that lead got as large as 35 points in the fourth.

## Sabalenka, Rybakina to Open New Season in Brisbane

SYDNEY (Reuters) - World number two Aryna Sabalenka and number four Elena Rybakina will open their 2024 seasons at the Brisbane International warm-up for the Australian Open, organizers said on Tuesday.

Former world number one Naomi Osaka was already announced for the WTA 500

event, which is returning in the first week of January after a three-year hiatus forced initially by the COVID pandemic.

Sabalenka is ineligible to compete in the United Cup mixed tournament taking place in Perth and Sydney the same week.

The 25-year-old will join her

fellow Belarusian and twice Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka in the 48-player Brisbane field as she prepares for her first Grand Slam title defense at Melbourne Park.

"Australia holds a special place in my heart after winning my first Grand Slam there," Sabalenka said in a news release.

## Kashmiri Students Arrested for Celebrating India's Cricket World Cup Defeat

SRINAGAR (Reuters) - Indian police arrested seven students in the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) region, allegedly celebrating Australia's victory over India in the men's Cricket World Cup final earlier this month, police said on Tuesday.

A senior police official said seven students from an agriculture university were detained last week after a student filed a complaint accusing them of raising anti-India slogans and cheering for Pakistan along with Australia after the match.

Police said the seven students were charged under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) after they found video evidence of them raising anti-India chants. UAPA deals with inciting or advising any unlawful activity and is punishable with seven years' imprisonment.

## Man City Claim Top Spot After Recovering to Beat Leipzig 3-2

MANCHESTER (Reuters) - Manchester City's Julian Alvarez scored in the 87th minute as the European champions clawed their way back from two goals down to beat RB Leipzig 3-2 and clinch top spot in Champions League Group G on Tuesday with one round of matches remaining.

Erling Haaland and Phil Foden also netted in the second period after one of City's most underwhelming recent first-half performances to give Pep Guardiola's team 15 points after five games. Leipzig, who had also reached the last 16, have nine.

"First half was the worst I've seen us," midfielder Foden told TNT. "Courage and motivation changed it around. This team has great mentality and its so nice to see."

Haaland added another record to his bulging resume, becoming the fastest player to 40 Champions League goals. The striker became the quickest to 50



Manchester City's Julian Alvarez (right) celebrates with Manchester City's Erling Haaland after scoring his side's third goal during the group G Champions League soccer match between Manchester City and RB Leipzig at the Etihad stadium in Manchester, England, Nov 28, 2023.

Premier League goals on Saturday.

Lois Openda pounced on a pair of City defensive blunders for both Leipzig goals, sprinting onto a long ball from goalkeeper Janis Blaswich

that bounced over a lackadaisical Manuel Akanji in the 13th minute. He struck again with seemingly similar ease in the 33rd, spinning around Ruben Dias en route to scoring.