

Iran Finish 3rd at Karate 1-Premier League



TEHRAN – Iranian athletes grabbed one gold medal, two silvers, and two bronzes at the 2025 Karate 1-Premier League in Hangzhou. Team Melli finished third

in the competition, trailing behind Japan and Egypt, according to Tehran Times.

In the Female Kumite -61kg final, Iran's Atousa Golshadnezhad edged out Germany's Khamis Reem with a score of 4-3 in a closely contested match. Meanwhile, Fatemeh Saadati faced Japan's Rina Kodo in the Female Kumite -55kg final, where she lost 4-0.

In the Male Kumite +84kg final, Saleh Abazari was de-

feated by Georgia's Merabi Gelashvili with a score of 5-3.

In the bronze medal matches, Bahman Asgari Ghoncheh secured victory over Croatia's Ivan Martinca 1-0 in the Male Kumite -75kg event, while Mehdi Khodabakhshi triumphed over the Netherlands' Brian Timmermans 3-0 in the Male Kumite -84kg category.

The tournament featured 381 karate athletes from 68 countries in Hangzhou.

Briton Draper Pummels Rune to Win Indian Wells Title



Jack Draper, of Great Britain, returns to Holger Rune, of Denmark, during the final match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California.

INDIAN WELLS (Reuters) - Britain's Jack Draper thrashed Denmark's Holger Rune 6-2 6-2 to collect the biggest title of his career at Indian Wells on Sunday with a place in the top 10 assured for the first time.

The 23-year-old Draper has suffered a lingering hip issue this year but looked fine as he zipped around the court with ease on Sunday, firing 21 winners to cap a superb week in the California desert.

Playing in his fourth Masters 1000 final, Rune had the benefit of experience but could never find his rhythm against 18 unforced errors.

"I lost first round here last year so I didn't get to experience the tournament too much," Draper said. "I would say this is one of my favorite

tournaments now."

Playing in his first 1000-level final, Draper bludgeoned his opponent with seven aces in the first set, having hit a forehand winner to break in the first game and outfoxed Rune at the net in the third to go up another break.

The Dane's frustrations boiled over early in the second set, where he shouted at his team before dropping serve in the first game. He handed Draper another break in the penultimate game with a backhand shot that he sent wide.

Draper fired a booming forehand shot on match point and smiled towards the stands before kneeling on court with his fists thrust into the air in celebration, clinching it in just one hour and nine minutes.

PSG Close In on League Title With 3-1 Win Over Marseille

PARIS (AFP) - Paris St Germain took another big step towards the Ligue 1 crown with a 3-1 home win over second-placed Olympique de Marseille on Sunday to extend their lead at the top to 19 points.

PSG are unbeaten in the league and cruising towards the title with 68 points from 26 games and eight rounds remaining.

Ousmane Dembele broke the deadlock after 17 minutes, racing onto a through ball before slotting home



Marseille's Valentin Rongier (center) jumps for the ball with PSG's Ousmane Dembele (right) and PSG's Achraf Hakimi during the French League One soccer match.

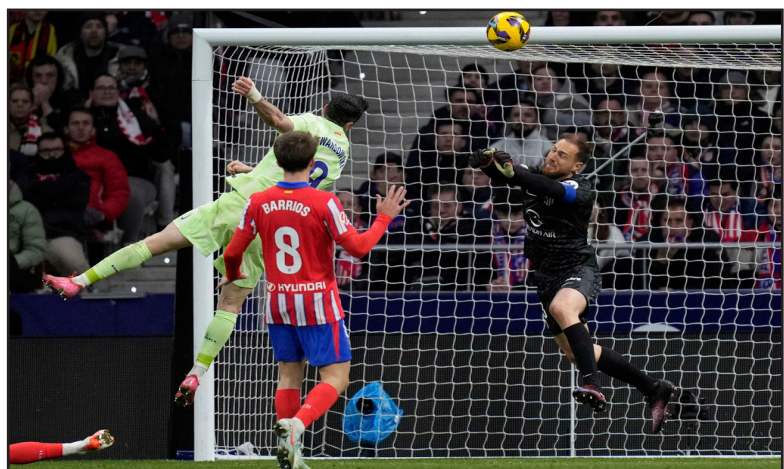
and just before the break Nuno Mendes doubled the

lead with a close-range finish.

Marseille got themselves back in the game six minutes into the second half when Adrien Rabiot capitalized on a poor pass out of defense and set up Amine Gouiri, who made no mistake.

PSG went looking for a third goal and it came when Marseille defender Pol Lirola put the ball in his own net in the 76th as he tried to clear Achraf Hakimi's cross into the box.

Barca Fight Back From Two Goals Down to Beat Atletico



Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski (top) missing a chance to score in front of Atletico Madrid's goalkeeper Jan Oblak.

Barcelona (Reuters) - Lamine Yamal and Ferran Torres struck in stoppage time as Barcelona came back from two goals down to claim a dramatic victory over fellow title hopefuls

Atletico Madrid and move top of La Liga.

The visitors started the day knowing a win would put them ahead of Real Madrid on goal difference, while Atletico

would leapfrog Barca into second with the three points.

It looked like Atletico would stage the perfect response to their Champions League last-16 exit in midweek on penalties to city rivals Real when they led 2-0 with 20 minutes remaining.

Julian Alvarez, who was penalized for a double-kick spot-kick in that shootout loss on Wednesday, opened the scoring on the stroke of half-time, turning in Giuliano Simeone's cross.

Alexander Sorloth added the second in the 70th minute when he was picked out inside the box by Conor Gallagher.

But Barcelona scored twice in six minutes to level matters, Robert Lewandowski driving

in a fine 72nd-minute strike before Torres headed in the equalizer from Raphinha's floated cross.

Sorloth had a chance to win it late on for Atletico when he was put through on goal, but he sent his shot wide with the outside of his boot and may have been just offside.

It sparked a late rally from Barca as Yamal's curling deflected strike in the second minute of added time put them ahead, before Torres added a fourth just before the final whistle with a low finish.

Barcelona are level on 60 points with Real, but crucially have a game in hand. Atletico remain third but are four points behind the top two.

MotoGP Title Race Will Be a Marquez Family Feud, Says Marc



MADRID (Reuters) - Marc Marquez expects his younger brother Alex to be his main rival as he chases a seventh MotoGP world championship crown and is convinced it is just a matter of time before the Gresini Racing rider wins his first race in the premier class.

Alex, who is four years younger than 32-year-old Marc, has won the Moto2 plus Moto3 world championship and has seven MotoGP podiums to his name. He came close to winning his first MotoGP race at the

season-opening Thailand Grand Prix and in Argentina but was denied by an in-form Marc on both occasions.

MotoGP did not have two brothers finishing first and second for 76 years but the Marquez brothers have now achieved the feat twice within a fortnight.

Alex, meanwhile, was determined to keep the momentum rolling.

Alex trails Marc by 16 points at the top world championship table, with twice MotoGP champion Francesco Bagnaia sitting third.

Thunder Beat Bucks 121-105 for 10th Win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 31 points and eight assists as the Western Conference-leading Oklahoma City Thunder defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 121-105 on Sunday night.

Isaiah Hartenstein added a career-high 24 points plus 12 rebounds to help the Thunder win for the 10th time in 11 games. Isaiah Joe scored 19 points off the bench. Chet Holmgren had 16 points and eight rebounds.

Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo had 21 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his 52nd career triple-double. Damian Lillard added 19 points for the Bucks despite shooting just 3 of 9 from the floor.

Oklahoma City pulled ahead for good early in the second quarter and eventually led by as many as 25 points. The Thunder shot 51.7% while holding Milwaukee to 39.8%

Both teams were playing for a second straight night.

The Thunder won 113-107 at Detroit on Saturday, while



Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, right, drives against Oklahoma City Thunder's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, center, and Chet Holmgren (7).

the Bucks beat the Indiana Pacers 126-119 at home.