

# Mobina Fallah Secures Archery Spot for Olympic Berth



TEHRAN – Iranian female archer Mobina Fallah has secured her spot for the 2024 Paris Olympics by ranking among the top eight athletes at the 2024 Final World Quota Tournament in Turkey.

Iran's Fallah triumphed over her Kazakhstan's opponent with a score of 6-2 in the Round of 16, advancing to the tournament's top eight and securing her qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The men's section proceeded with the knockout stage matches.

The Final World Quota Tournament for the 2024 Paris Olympics was underway in Antalya, Turkey from June 14 to 17.

# Kamran Qasempour Wins Gold in Freestyle Wrestling in Italy



TEHRAN - Iranian freestyle wrestler Kamran Qasempour wins gold in the Italian tournament held in Sassari City Matteo Pellicone Memorial, Italy.

Qasempour was the only athlete representing Iran in the 92 kg category and faced his opponents periodically in a group of five and finally overpowered them.

In the first match, the Iranian wrestler won with a score of 10-0

against Vassilj Guccini from Italy. In the second fight, he won against Ion Demian from Moldova with 11-0 points and was declared the winner in the third battle due to the absence of Cedric Vella from Malta.

In the finals, Iranian Gladiator Qasempour defeated Italy's Francesco Gorgone with a score of 10 to 0 and grabbed the gold medal.

# England Hang On to Beat Serbia 1-0 With Bellingham Header

GELSENKIRCHEN (Reuters) - A powerful first-half header by Jude Bellingham sent England on the way to a successful launch of their Euro 2024 campaign with a 1-0 win over Serbia on Sunday that began confidently but saw the Three Lions clinging on for the points by the end.

The excellent Bellingham stormed into the box to connect with Bukayo Saka's deflected cross that sailed across the box perfectly for the 20-year-old midfielder to put the Euro 2020 runners-up ahead from close range in the 13th minute.

The result put England top of Group C after Denmark and Slovenia drew 1-1 earlier on Sunday.

Bellingham, who began the move for the only goal himself, set the tempo for



Serbia's Sergej Milinkovic-Savic (left) England's Marc Guehi (right) and England's John Stones jump for the ball during a Group C match between Serbia and England at the Euro 2024 soccer tournament in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on June 16, 2024.

much of England's attacking play and was cheered to the rafters of the cavernous Arena AufSchalke by the army of Three Lions fans bellow-

ing his name. Gareth Southgate's attack-minded team initially found space down the right as Saka linked up with full back Kyle

Walker, whose surging runs threatened to help add to England's advantage.

But after the break, Serbia began to threaten and England showed little of their earlier fluency.

The tally of 11 shots by the final whistle – six by Serbia, five from England – was the lowest in a European Championship match since at least 1980, according to Opta data.

Bellingham took issue when asked by reporters if England's loss of momentum showed the team remained a work in progress.

"I don't agree with that," he said. "I think the first half shows why we can score goals against any team and the second half shows why we can keep a clean sheet against any team."

# Eriksen's Fairytale Euro Comeback Spoiled by Slovenia in 1-1 Euro Draw



STUTT GART (Reuters) - Denmark's Christian Eriksen crowned a remarkable return to the European Championship with a goal 1,100 days after suffering a cardiac arrest but Slovenia snatched a 1-1 draw in an entertaining Euro 2024 Group C opener on Sunday.

Eriksen, who collapsed to the turf

in the first half of Denmark's first Euro 2020 game against Finland in Copenhagen, collected a clever flick from Jonas Wind and fired home to give his side the lead in the 17th minute.

Eriksen could have added to his tally but blazed a pair of left-footed efforts wide of the target, and the

Danes should have had a second goal midway through the second half but Jan Oblak managed to swat Rasmus Hojlund's close-range effort away.

Those misses were to prove costly. Slovenia's striker Benjamin Sesko thumped a shot off the post and a minute later defender Erik Janza scored with a deflected shot that wrong-footed Kasper Schmeichel.

It was a tale of two halves as the teams, who had played each other twice in qualifying, deservedly took a share of the spoils.

Denmark were wary of Sesko in the build-up and the 21-year-old got an early sight of goal in the 16th minute when he had space outside the box to shoot, but his powerful drive sailed wide.

In the next minute, however, Denmark were ahead. A throw-in high up the pitch and into the box was flicked on by a back heel from

Wind to Eriksen, who chested the ball before poking it in the far bottom corner.

The goal was met with a deafening roar from the large contingent of Danish fans in the Stuttgart Arena, with the emotion of the moment not lost on those who saw the 32-year-old midfielder collapse on the pitch in Copenhagen.

\*\*\*\*Denmark's Yussuf Poulsen (left) and Slovenia's Jaka Bijol fight for the ball during a Group C match between Slovenia and Denmark at the Euro 2024 soccer tournament in Stuttgart, Germany, on June 16, 2024.

# Shahrdari Gorgan Fourth in BCL Asia

TEHRAN – Shahrdari Gorgan of Iran lost to Japanese B.LEAGUE champion Hiroshima Dragonflies 81-76 in the 2024 BCL Asia Bronze medal match.

It was revenge for the Dragonflies who had lost to this same team earlier in the Group Phase, 94-81.

Ryo Yamazaki finished with 18 points on 6 three-pointers to lead the Dragonflies, while Kerry Blackshear (17 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists) and Dwayne Evans (16 points, 9 rebounds, and 7 assists).

Fourth-placed Shahrdari Gorgan wrapped up its season in



FIBA club competitions with its starters all scoring in double-

digits. Breakout star Sina Vahedi finished strong with 21 points.

# Ferrari Beat Toyota to Defend Le Mans Title



PARIS (Reuters) - Ferrari won the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the second year in a row on Sunday after a tight and tense battle with Toyota to the finish of the 92nd edition of the endurance race.

Almost out of fuel and on a wet track, Denmark's Nicklas Nielsen took the chequered flag in the number 50 499P hypercar shared with Italian Antonio Fuoco and Spaniard Miguel Molina over 311 laps of the Sarthe circuit.

The car's fuel gauge was registering around 2% at the finish.

The seven Toyota GR010 hybrid of Argentine Jose Maria Lopez -- a late stand-in after Briton Mike Conway was injured in a cycling accident -- Japan's Kamui Kobayashi and Dutch driver Nyck de Vries finished 14.221 seconds behind after starting 23rd.

Ferrari's winning crew from a year ago -- Italians Alessandro Pier Guidi, Antonio Giovinazzi and Britain's James Calado -- finished third in the 51 car on a day of drizzle and overcast skies.

Last year's comeback win was the Italian marque's first overall victory at Le Mans in 58 years.

All three drivers of the 50 car were first-time overall winners but the outcome remained open right to the end in a race with a safety car period lasting more than four hours during the night.

There was drama with more than an hour remaining when the car's right-side door flapped open, forcing a pit-stop -- which later played into Ferrari's hands with the car now on a different fuel strategy to rivals.

Toyota's challenge was slowed by Lopez spinning at the Dunlop Curve, losing precious time and undoing the Argentine's earlier good work.

With 30 minutes remaining, and a 30-second gap to the leader, Toyota effectively conceded defeat and told Lopez to bring the car home in second place.

The 83 car, which had led on Saturday, retired four hours from the end with technical issues.

# Kenya's Wanyonyi Blasts to Third Fastest 800m Race of All Time

NAIROBI (AFP) - World Athletics Championships silver medalist Emmanuel Wanyonyi dropped the third fastest men's 800m performance in history to storm to the Paris 2024 Olympics as the two-day Kenyan track and field trials wrapped up on a sensational day.

Wanyonyi, 19, motored around the Nyayo National Stadium track to stop the clock at a staggering one minute and 41.70 seconds, the fastest time run since countryman David Rudisha, who was watching from the stands, set the 1:40.91 world record in the final of the London 2012 Olympics.

The teenager now trails Rudisha and former world record holder, Kenyan-born Dane Wilson Kipketer (1:41.11) in the all-time list as he underlined his credentials on the way to his first Olympics in Paris.

His barnstorming performance was all and more jaw-dropping considering he was only reinstated to Saturday's final on appeal after being tripped with 50m to go in Friday's semifinals where he slumped to a sixth finish.

"Today's performance was redemption after being tripped on Friday. My leg is still a bit swollen. Everything happens for a reason. If I had been tripped today, I might have missed the Olympics," Wanyonyi told reporters after the race.



Kenyan middle-distance runner Emmanuel Wanyonyi (center) re

Italian coach Claudio Berardelli said Wanyonyi is a generational talent like Rudisha or Kipyegon.

Two-time Commonwealth champion, Wycliffe Kinyamal followed Wanyonyi home in 1:42.50, the third quickest time at high altitude to book his automatic Olympic ticket with Koitaito Kidali rounding off the podium in a brisk 1:42.66.