

# U-15 Women Win CAFA Championship



TEHRAN – Iran emerged as champion of the CAFA U-15 Women's Championship 2024 after defeating host Tajikistan 4-0 on Saturday.

Iran, champion in 2019, had opened its campaign with a 5-1 win over Kyrgyzstan.

The title was effectively confirmed following its 1-0 defeat of defending champion Uzbekistan on Matchday Two.

Uzbekistan finished second on six points with Kyrgyzstan third on three points.

## PSG Beat Lyon to Win French Cup Final

PARIS (AFP) - Paris St Germain beat Olympique Lyonnais 2-1 in the French Cup final on Saturday courtesy of first-half strikes from Ousmane Dembele and Fabian Ruiz to end the season with a domestic treble in Kylian Mbappe's farewell match.

The Ligue 1 and French Super Cup champions dominated the first half at Lille's Stade Pierre-Mauroy to secure their record-extending 15th Cup title and first since 2021.

"It's my first cup and there's a great atmosphere in the squad," PSG midfielder Warren Zaire-Emery told beIN Sports.

"We're certainly keen to



PSG's Kylian Mbappe raises the trophy during the presentation ceremony after the French Cup final soccer match between Lyon and PSG at the Pierre Mauroy stadium in Villeneuve d'Ascq, northern France, May 25, 2024.

win all the trophies, we've had a great season. The group is magnificent and we hope

that next season will be just as good."

Dembele put PSG ahead af-

ter 23 minutes when Nuno Mendes' cross found him unmarked in the six-yard box to coolly head home, and Ruiz doubled the advantage with a strike from a tight angle at the second attempt.

Lyon pulled one back 10 minutes into the second half thanks to Jake O'Brien's towering header off a corner before PSG keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma produced a superb save minutes later.

PSG's all-time top scorer Mbappe failed to find the net in his final game for the club, leaving his record at 256 goals in 308 appearances over his seven-year spell.

## Iran Female Table Tennis Team Claims Central Asia Title



TEHRAN – Iran's youth female table tennis team won 3-0 against Kyrgyzstan to become champions at the Central Asia Regional Youth Qualification held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The Iranian team had previously defeated Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

The Iranians secured a place in the Asian Cup tournament by performing well in the sporting event.

The Central Asia Regional Youth Qualification is currently taking place in Almaty, Kazakhstan from May 24-26, 2024.

## Man Utd Stun Man City to Win FA Cup



Manchester United's Portuguese midfielder #08 Bruno Fernandes lifts the trophy to celebrate their victory at the end of the English FA Cup final football match between Manchester City and Manchester United at Wembley stadium, in London, on May 25, 2024.

LONDON (Reuters) - Manchester United saved their best performance of a mediocre season to the very end as they upset Manchester City 2-1 in the FA Cup final on Saturday to deprive their rivals of the double.

With speculation swirling about the future of manager Erik Ten Hag, United ripped up the form book as first-half goals from teenagers Alejandro Garnacho and Kobbie Mainoo proved enough for them to lift the trophy for a 13th time.

They had to endure a second-half siege, however, as City swarmed forward and a late goal by Jeremy Doku set up a nerve-shredding finale before United could celebrate their first FA Cup final triumph for eight years.

Premier League champions City, bidding to become the first club to win the double in successive seasons, had been on a 35-match unbeaten run in all competitions in open play.

But a week after sealing an unprecedented fourth successive Premier League crown, Pep Guardiola's side were well below their best, gifting Garnacho a 30th-minute opener before fellow 19-year-old Mainoo made it 2-0.

In the first final between the same teams in successive seasons since 1885, City woke up in the second half and Erling Haaland hit the crossbar, but they had to wait until the 87th

minute for substitute Doku to halve the deficit.

United stood firm, however, to seal the best result of Ten Hag's two-season reign and qualification for next season's Europa League, although it is highly likely the Dutchman will not be in charge next season.

The build-up had been dominated by talk of the chasm between the two Manchester clubs with City having won the title for the sixth time in eight years under Guardiola and United suffering their worst Premier League campaign, finishing eighth.

Ten Hag's future was also clouded in uncertainty with reports that the showpiece would be his last game in charge, whatever the outcome.

But he could smile at the end as he led his players up the Wembley steps with his name being sung by United's ecstatic fans who a few hours earlier may have been fearing a drubbing.

Asked whether it was his last game, the former Ajax Amsterdam coach said: "I don't know. For me this is a project and when I came in it was a mess."

Garnacho, one of the few positives in United's season, had the game's first shot on target and his movement was a constant threat to a City defense featuring two changes with John Stones and Nathan Ake handed starts.

## Defending World Champion Bagnaia Wins Catalunya MotoGP



Ducati rider Francesco Bagnaia crosses the finish line in first place at the Catalunya MotoGP on Sunday.

BARCELONA (AFP) – Two-time defending world champion Francesco Bagnaia snatched victory at the Catalunya MotoGP on Sunday to edge closer to championship leader Jorge Martin.

Bagnaia on his factory Ducati reeled in race leader Martin before the Italian passed him on lap 20 at turn five where he crashed out of the sprint on Saturday, to claim his third victory of the season.

Martin could not respond and Bagnaia triumphed by nearly two seconds to cut the gap on the Spaniard to 39 points in the standings.

Home favourite Marc Marquez came in third ahead of Aleix Espargaro, who announced he is retiring at the end of the season earlier this week.

Marquez is third in the standings, 41 points behind compatriot Martin.

Seventh at lights out on his Pramac Ducati, Martin got through on Pedro Acosta for second and then Bagnaia on turn 10 to take the lead with 20 laps to go.

Youngster Acosta was in hot pursuit on the day after his 20th birthday but skidded off the track in lap 11, rejoining in 20th place.

After Bagnaia passed Martin towards the end he kept the overall

leader at arm's length to clinch victory.

"I am super happy, super proud, starting from seventh I executed perfectly the first corner and into fourth," said Martin.

"Towards the end I tried to keep the pace but had nothing left in my pocket.

"I tried to put some pressure on Bagnaia but there was nothing left and it was complicated."

After a sluggish start Marquez, aiming for a first MotoGP win since 2021, charged forward from 14th spot on the grid on his Ducati-Gresini.

He finally got past Aprilia rider Espargaro to claim a podium spot.

Espargaro, 34, won the sprint on Saturday and was hoping to do the double at Catalunya as he did last year, but was left frustrated despite starting on pole.

## Celtics Stage Late Comeback to Lead Pacers 3-0

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Boston Celtics came from 18 points down to beat the Indiana Pacers 114-111 and take a 3-0 lead in the NBA Eastern Conference finals.

Game four is in Indianapolis on Monday with no NBA team having ever come from 0-3 down to win a best-of-seven play-off series.

Despite the absence of star guard Tyrese Haliburton with a hamstring strain, the Pacers led 84-66 with six minutes to play in the third quarter.

They also led 109-101 with two minutes, 39 seconds remaining in the final quarter.

But Boston scored 13 of the game's final 15 points to steal the win.

A three-point play by Jrue

Holiday put them 112-111 up with 38.9 seconds to play – their first lead since the opening moments of the second quarter.

He then came up with a steal from Andrew Nembhard and made a pair of free throws to extend the advantage before a three-point attempt by Indiana's Aaron Nesmith bounced off the rim as the buzzer went.

Holiday, who has played 15 years in the NBA, was only cleared to play 45 minutes before tip-off as he struggled with a fever which left him in bed for most of the day.

"I didn't feel too well," he said after finishing with 14 points, nine rebounds and three steals.

"I guess I just figured if I got a good day's rest or tried to sleep through it, that would help me.



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) shoots over Indiana Pacers forward Aaron Nesmith (23) during Game 3 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals.

"It's Game Three in the Eastern Conference finals, so I wasn't going to miss this game." Jayson Tatum top-scored for

the Celtics with 36 points and also had 10 rebounds and eight assists while Jaylen Brown added 24 points.