

Zarei Wins First-Ever Medal at World Freediving Championship



TEHRAN – Iranian youth freediver Muhammad Hussein Zarei has made history by winning a silver medal in the Dynamic No Fins (DNF) division at the World Freediving Indoor Championships in Serbia.

Zarei is the first-ever Iranian athlete to win a medal in the World Freediving competitions.

Iran has sent three men and one woman to the competition.

Over 230 elite athletes from 39 countries will participate, showcasing their exceptional skills and talents at this prestigious event.

The World Freediving Indoor Championships are being held in Belgrade, Serbia from July 6 to 9, 2024.

Sina Movahed Claims Baku Int'l Chess Title



TEHRAN, IRNA – Iranian chess player Sina Movahed has won the Baku International Chess championships. Sina Movahed, an International Master, acquired 24 rat-

ing points and crossed the 2,500 mark during the competitions. He defeated three grandmasters in Baku International Chess championships, including Rauf Mamedov.

Turgis Wins Stage Nine as Pogacar Maintains Tour de France Lead

TROYES - Anthony Turgis emerged victorious from a long breakaway while Tadej Pogacar attacked several times on a novel run but could not gain time on his main rivals for the yellow jersey.

Frenchman Anthony Turgis won stage nine of the Tour de France on the white gravel tracks through champagne vineyards after a long range escape on Sunday.

British rider Tom Pidcock was second after tailing Turgis but looked to be slightly blocked as he made a last-gasp bid for the line ahead of third-placed Derek Gee of Canada.

“That was wonderful,” Turgis said at the finish line in the city of Troyes.



Anthony Turgis crosses the finish line in Troyes.

“I’ve been close to winning for ages and to get one here is just great,” the 30-year-old added.

Overnight leader Tadej Pogacar attacked several times on a novel run including the dusty

gravel for a first time on this race, but finished alongside his rivals for the title Remco Evenepoel and Jonas Vingegaard.

As France went to the urns in the second round of a parliamentary election hundreds

of thousands of cycling fans turned out for the Tour on this first holiday weekend.

A shake up in the overall standings had been expected as the peloton tackled 14 rustic white gravel paths in the region’s celebrated champagne vineyards that produce over 300 million bottles of bubbly a year.

One of them was cracked open at the finish line by Turgis, who had been part of the long range breakaway from a group of one-day specialists.

In the overall standings the Slovenian two-time champion Pogacar leads Tour rookie Evenepoel of Belgium by 33sec while defending champion Vingegaard of Denmark is still third at 1min 15sec.

France Suspend Jaminet for Racist Comment



PARIS (Sky Sports) - France have suspended full-back Melvyn Jaminet after he posted a video on social media with a racist comment.

Jaminet, who plays for Toulon, came off the bench in his national team’s win away to Argentina on Saturday.

He put the video up on his Instagram account and, despite deleting the post, it has still been shared on social media.

Jaminet has been sent home from the tour and the French Rugby Federation said it “condemns comments” made by the 25-year-old “in a video broadcast on social media”.

It added: “Such comments are totally unacceptable and are contrary to the fundamental values of our sport. “As a consequence, Melvyn Jaminet has been removed from and has left the France squad currently in Argentina.

“An internal investigation is ongoing to shine a light on these comments, which are of an extreme seri-

ousness and will take the appropriate measures.”

Jaminet was brought on after 72 minutes against Argentina and scored a penalty in a 28-13 win.

Toulon also condemned Jaminet’s comments and said they “distance themselves from them” as they also opened “an internal investigation”.

Jaminet has responded by saying he is “deeply sorry and ashamed of my comments”.

In a post on Instagram, he added: “Racism, in all its forms, is unacceptable and goes against everything I believe in.

“I understand the FFR’s punishment and remain at their disposition to be able to shine a light on this incident.”

U-20 Women Volleyballers Beat New Zealand

TEHRAN – Iran defeated New Zealand 3-1 (25-15, 25-27, 25-13, 25-16) in the 9th Place Playoff match of the 2024 Asian Women’s U-20 Volleyball Championship in China.

Iran previously lost to Vietnam and Thailand in Pool C but defeated Australia in the tournament.

Padideh Bolourizadeh was leading the Iranian team in the tournament.

Iran achieved sixth place at the previous edition in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan two years ago, but this time they finished in ninth position.

The 2024 Asian Women’s U-20 Volleyball Championship was held at the Jiangmen Sports Center Gymnasium in Jiangmen, China from July 1 to 8.

Hamilton Ends Long Wait With Record British Win

SILVERSTONE, England - Lewis Hamilton shed pent-up tears of joy after ending a 945-day wait for a win with a record ninth British Grand Prix victory in front of his home fans on a fairytale Sunday at Silverstone.

Mercedes’ seven-times Formula One world champion was overcome by the emotion as he took the chequered flag in triumph for the first time since Saudi Arabia on Dec 5, 2021 - 56 races ago.

Red Bull’s triple world champion Max Verstappen finished 1.465 seconds behind, extending his overall lead to 84 points, and McLaren’s Lando Norris was third after being passed four laps from the end.

Mercedes’ pole-sitter George Russell, winner of the previous race in Austria, retired with a suspected water system issue at the end of lap 33.

The record-extending 104th win of Hamilton’s career set new bench-



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain celebrates on the podium after winning the British Formula One Grand Prix race at the Silverstone racetrack, Silverstone, England, on July 7, 2024.

marks - not least the first F1 driver to win a race in 16 different seasons and first to win nine times at the same circuit.

Hamilton had previously shared the latter record with Ferrari great Mi-

chael Schumacher.

He is also the first driver to win a race after reaching the rare milestone of 300 starts. Sunday’s was the 344th race of Hamilton’s F1 career that started with McLaren in 2007.

Alcaraz, Sinner Stay on Course for Wimbledon Meeting, Gauff Falls

LONDON - Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz and world number one Jannik Sinner stayed on track for a blockbuster Wimbledon showdown by reaching the quarterfinals, while women’s second seed Coco Gauff was sent tumbling out on a soggy Sunday.

French Open champion Alcaraz, who is looking to defend his Wimbledon trophy and complete what is dubbed the “Channel Slam” in reference to the English Channel that separates Britain and France, battled past Metz-born Ugo Humbert 6-3 6-4 1-6 7-5.

“I think I’m getting better and better every match that I’m playing,” said Alcaraz, who was happy to avoid another five-set tussle after being taken the distance by



Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz returns against France’s Ugo Humbert

Frances Tiafoe in the previous round.

American 12th seed Tommy Paul set up a last-eight meeting with the 21-year-old Spaniard after the Queen’s Club champion downed Roberto Bautista Agut

6-2 7-6(3) 6-2.

Italian Sinner, who could face Alcaraz in the semifinals in a rematch of their Roland Garros meeting, was equally impressive in his 6-2 6-4 7-6(9) win over 14th seed Ben Shelton.