

Iran's Sabre Team Beats U.S. in Olympics



TEHRAN - Iran men's sabre team defeated the U.S. in the 2024 Olympic Games quarterfinals on Wednesday.

Muhammad Fotouhi, Ali Pakdaman, Farzad Baher Arasbaran and Mohammad Rahbari defeated the American team 45-44.

The men's team sabre event at the 2024 Summer Olympics is taking place on 31 July 2024 at the Grand Palais strip.

Women Futsal Team Nominated for World's Best Team



TEHRAN - Iran's team was nominated for the Futsalplanet Awards 2023 Best Women's National Team in the World.

The 24th edition of the annual futsal prizes was released by Futsalplanet.com on Tuesday. Best Women's National Team in the World nominees are as follows:

(Listed in alphabetical order)
 Argentina
 Brazil
 Colombia
 Hungary
 Iran
 Japan
 Portugal
 Spain
 Ukraine

Simone Biles Leads U.S. Gymnastics Team to Olympic Gold

PARIS (Reuters) - Simone Biles clinched her fifth Olympic gold medal as she made a triumphant return to the women's gymnastics team final at the Paris Games, reinforcing her status as one of the world's greatest athletes just three years after abruptly withdrawing from the same event at the Tokyo Games.

Biles, the most decorated gymnast of all-time, earned the United States their fourth Olympic gold in the women's team event with dazzling performances on all four apparatus.

The American has been on what she described as a "redemption tour" at the Paris Games after she shocked a global TV audience by suddenly withdrawing from the team final in Tokyo suffering from the "twisties", a con-



dition involving temporary loss of spatial awareness experienced by gymnasts while performing high-difficulty elements.

"I started off with therapy this morning and ... I was feeling calm and ready," the 27-year-old told an overflowing press conference at the Bercy Arena.

With the crowd rallying behind Biles and her teammates in the absence of the French team that failed to qualify for the final, the United States finished with a total of 171.296, an impressive 5.802 points ahead of second-placed Italy.

While the Italians won their first women's Olympic team

medal since the 1928 Olympics, an incredible, high-flying vault by Rebeca Andrade helped Brazil to land the bronze, their first ever medal in the discipline. Britain finished fourth.

Biles said it was too soon to reflect on her legacy and was surprised to hear from a reporter that she has now won a jaw-dropping 38 world and Olympic medals combined.

Biles, who was competing with her left calf taped after suffering a muscle strain during Sunday's qualifying competition, started her bid for the first of a possible five gold medals in Paris on the vault.

She powered down the runway before soaring high into the air while executing the Cheng vault to earn 14.900 points.

Djokovic Beats Koepfer, Reaches Quarterfinals



PARIS (Reuters) - Serbia's Novak Djokovic reached the Olympic singles quarterfinals for a record fourth time by beating Germany's Dominic Koepfer 7-5 6-3 on Wednesday but looked in the mood to go much deeper in the tournament.

Later, top seed Iga Swiatek of Poland was in action against American Danielle Collins.

After the emotions and hyperbole of Djokovic's previous round against his claycourt nemesis Rafa Nadal, the atmosphere on a muggy Court Philippe Chatrier was sedate as he comfortably dispatched 30-year-old Koepfer after some initial trouble.

Djokovic earned an early service break with an exquisite drop shot but handed back the advantage immediately.

Koepfer looked confident after four wins across singles and doubles so far in the Olympic tennis at Roland Garros but he undid all his good work at 5-6 down when a bungled drop shot attempt and an errant backhand handed Djokovic the set.

The German needed medical treatment early in the second set and his resistance quickly faded as Djokovic recorded his 16th career singles win at the Olympics -- the most by any player since tennis returned to the Games in 1988.

Second seed Carlos Alcaraz will also aim to reach the singles quarterfinals later when he plays Roman Safiullin before returning with Nadal for a doubles quarter-final.

There were mixed fortunes for American men on day five of the tournament as Tommy Paul ended French hopes of a medal by beating Corentin Moutet 7-6(5) 6-3 to reach the quarter-final but Taylor Fritz could not join him, going down 7-5 6-4 to Italy's Lorenzo Musetti.

France, U.S., Argentina Reach Soccer Quarters; Paraguay, Morocco, Egypt Through



PARIS (AFP) - Hosts France secured a place in the quarterfinals of the men's Olympic football tournament with a 3-0 win over New Zealand that put them top of Group A, while the United States edged Guinea 3-0 to progress on the final day of the group stage.

Argentina, Paraguay, Morocco and Egypt also joined already-qualified Spain and Japan in the last eight.

France, coming off two wins, only needed a draw to go through, but goals by skipper Jean-Philippe Mateta, Desire Doue and Arnaud Kalimuendo made it a perfect first round.

The U.S. advanced in second place after a strike from Djordje Mihailovic and a Kevin Paredes double earned them victory in St Etienne.

The 27-year-old Mateta grabbed the lead for France, taking advantage of New Zealand's poor defending in the 19th minute.

Doue added another in the 71st after a neat passing move, before Kalimuendo's low shot sealed the win three minutes later.

Thierry Henry's side next face Argentina in Lyon on Friday.

At an almost empty Geoffroy-Guichard stadium, U.S. midfielder Mihailovic opened the scoring in the 14th minute by sending a brilliant free-kick into the top left corner.

Paredes made it 2-0 off Paxten Aaronson's great through ball in the 31st and got his second 15 minutes from time.

Wiffen Secures Ireland's First Gold Medal at Paris 2024

PARIS (AFP) - Swimmer Daniel Wiffen secured Ireland's first gold medal of the Paris Olympics, setting a new Olympic record en route to victory in the men's 800m freestyle final on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old surged home in the last 25 meters to touch the wall in seven minutes, 38.19 seconds, smashing Mykhailo Romanchuk's previous Games record by more than three seconds.

American Bobby Finke took silver in 7:38.75 and Italian Gregorio Paltrinieri claimed bronze in 7:39.38 at La Defense Arena.

"I always knew it (a gold medal) was going to come, I didn't know what event it was going to be in but I knew I was going to win one of them," a confident Wiffen said after the race.

"For it to be my first event is even better. I don't (know) how to sum it up, to be honest. Incredible."

Australia's Kaylee McKeown also established a new Games record as she won her second consecutive Olympic 100m backstroke title.

McKeown finished in 57.33 seconds, beating her own previous mark of 57.47 set in Tokyo three years ago. American world record holder Regan Smith took silver in 57.66 and her compatriot Katharine Berkoff claimed bronze in 57.98.



Gold medalist Daniel Wiffen of Ireland poses for photos after the award ceremony for the men's 800m freestyle swimming event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France, on July 30, 2024.