

Iranian Athletes Secure More Medals at 2024 Paralympics

Sareh Javanmardi Clinches Gold in 10 Air Pistol



TEHRAN - Sareh Javanmardi from Iran has bagged a gold in women's 10 air pistol SH1 at the Paris Paralympics 2024. Her gold medal was the first gold and fourth medal for Iran at the marquee sports event at the the 2024 Paralympic Games. Javanmardi kissed the Holy Qur'an and her country's flag after clinching

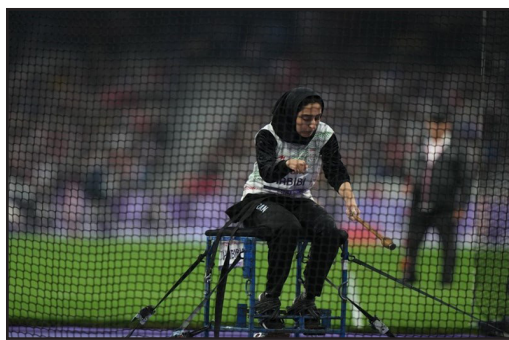
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Zafar Zaker Snatches Silver

Iranian shot putter Zafar Zaker won a silver medal in the Paralympic Games Friday night. He threw 11.88 meters in the men's shot put F55 and finished in second place. Bulgarian athlete Ruzhdi Ruzhdi claimed the gold with a throw of 12.40 meters and Poland's Lech Stoltman won a bronze with 11.81 meters.



Parastoo Habibi Claims Bronze



Thrower Parastoo Habibi won a bronze medal in the 2024 Paralympic Games Friday night. In the competition, held at the Stade de France in Paris, Habibi seized a bronze medal in the Women's Club Throw - F32. She came third with a throw of 26.29 meters. Poland's athlete Roza Kozakowska won the gold medal with 31.30 and the silver medal went to Tunisian Maroua Ibrahim with 29.00 meters.

Iranian Taekwondo athlete Zahra Rahimi had won a silver medal Thursday night. Athletics at the 2024 Summer Paralympics take place at Stade de France in Paris. Iran has sent 65 athletes in 10 sports to the Games.

Sitting Paralympic Volleyballers Sweep Past Ukraine

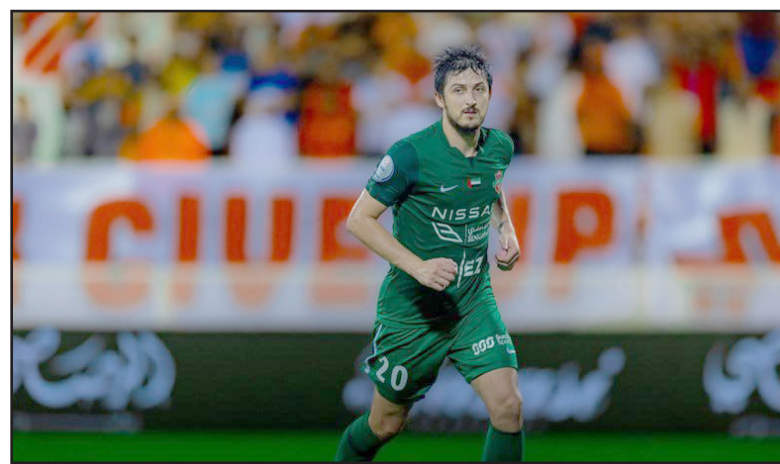


TEHRAN - Iran's men sitting volleyball team eased past Ukraine 3-0 (25-13, 25-12, 25-18) in the 2024 Paralympic Games on Friday.

Iran will play Brazil in Pool A on Sunday and meet Germany on Tuesday in its last preliminary round match. Volleyball has a rich Paralympic history. It was added to the program in 1976, with standing volleyball taking place and sitting volleyball as a demonstration sport.

From 1980 to 2000, both standing and sitting events were contested for men, with sitting volleyball added for women in 1980.

Azmoun Scores as Shabab Al Ahli Beat Ajman



TEHRAN - Shabab Al Ahli defeated Ajman 2-1 in Matchweek 2 of the 2024-25 UAE Pro League on Friday.

Bogdan Pianic was on target for the visiting team in the 26th minute at the Ajman Stadium and Sardar Azmoun made it 2-0 in the 68th

minute. Junior Flemmings reduced the deficit in the 72nd minute. Shabab Al Ahli sits third with six points out of two matches. Al Nasr leads the table thanks to a superior goal difference.

Inter Cruise Past Atalanta 4-0 With Thuram Double

MILAN, Italy - A Marcus Thuram double helped Inter Milan to an emphatic 4-0 win over Atalanta on Friday, the second straight Serie A home win for the defending champions.

Inter, coming off a draw at Genoa and a 2-0 win over Lecce, scored twice in the opening stages of each half to prevail and provisionally move top of the standings with seven points.

The hosts opened the scoring just three minutes in when Thuram's low cross deflected off Atalanta's Berat Djimsiti into his own net, before Nicolo Barella doubled the lead with a stunning volley from the edge of the box seven min-



Inter Milan's Lautaro Martinez (right) attempts a shot on goal as Atalanta's Matteo Ruggeri tries block during the Serie A soccer match between Inter Milan and Atalanta at the at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, on Aug 30, 2024.

utes later. "It is only week 3, this is not a signal to anyone. We tried to put in a good performance against a very difficult opponent, so we are very happy," Thuram, named man-of-the-match, told DAZN.

Thuram scored twice in similar fashion after the break, taking advantage of loose balls from the visitors' poor defence (Inter visit Monza after the international break, while Atalanta will be looking to bounce back when they host Fiorentina).

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Canada's Woods Climbs to Win Vuelta Stage 13



PARIS (Reuters) - Canadian cyclist Michael Woods clinched victory on the 13th stage of the

Vuelta a Espana on Friday with a decisive late breakaway in the difficult mountains of north-western Spain.

Woods excelled on the route from Lugo to Puerto de Ancares, securing his fourth Grand Tour stage win and his third in La Vuelta.

The leading group of five riders remained tightly packed as they approached the final, gruelling ascent. However, Woods broke free 4.5 kilometers from the finish line.

Switzerland's Mauro Schmid finished second, trying but unable to match Woods's pace in the mountains, while the local audience cheered as

Spaniard Marc Soler claimed third place. "It's been a tough race. And this is a big moment of catharsis, a big release. The pressure has been building and to get this win now, I'm on cloud nine," Woods said.

The 37-year-old Canadian pointed to the red maple leaf on his Canadian champion jersey as he crossed the finish line, celebrating his hard-fought and strategic win.

Ben O'Connor's lead in the overall standings was slashed by almost two minutes by Slovenia's Primoz Roglic. The Australian now leads by just one minute and 21 seconds.

Defending Champion Djokovic Crashes Out of U.S. Open

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Novak Djokovic's bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title ended with a whimper at the U.S. Open as the defending champion was stunned in the third round by Alexei Popyrin on Friday while Aryna Sabalenka survived a late-night scare.

Djokovic searched in vain for the form that helped him win the Paris Olympics gold this month, as the 37-year-old Serbian crashed 6-4 6-4 2-6 6-4 against Australian Popyrin to ensure a year without a major for the first time since 2017.

"I spent a lot of energy winning gold and I arrived at New York just not feeling fresh, mentally and physically," Djokovic told reporters.

"But because it's the U.S. Open I gave it a shot and tried my best. I didn't have any physical issues. I just felt out of gas and you could see that with the way I played."

The result will also mark the first time since 2002 that a year will finish without a member of the "Big Three"



Novak Djokovic of Serbia in action against Alexei Popyrin of Australia in a third round match.

- Djokovic, Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer - winning a major.

A second shocker in as many days at the year's final Grand Slam, after French Open and Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz's premature exit, left a host of players relishing the chance for a rare shot at glory.

Frances Tiafoe kept alive his hopes

of becoming the first American man to claim the U.S. Open title since Andy Roddick 21 years ago by outlasting compatriot Ben Shelton 4-6 7-5 6-7(5) 6-4 6-3 to move ahead.

He was joined by another top contender in Taylor Fritz, who eased past Francisco Comesana 6-3 6-4 6-2 to emerge as the first American man

to make the last 16 at all four Grand Slams in the same year since Andre Agassi in 2003.

"It's a pretty cool thing to do because just last year I was really struggling with Grand Slam results," Fritz said. "So it's nice to do a lot better at something I put a lot of emphasis on, which was performing at the slams and performing at the biggest tournaments."

Defending champion Coco Gauff conceded six games across the first two rounds but came under pressure from Elina Svitolina as she dropped the first set to the Ukrainian before rebooting to complete a 3-6 6-3 6-3 victory.

"I feel like I lost eight points in a row at the end of the first set. I don't really know the exact number. Probably more," world number three Gauff said. "So I knew I needed a reset at that point. I just went and used the bathroom, changed the bottom half of my clothes, and splashed some water on my face, and felt like a new person coming out."

Marc Marquez Cruises to Aragon MotoGP Sprint Win



Marc Marquez celebrates his return to the top of the MotoGP podium.

ALCAÑIZ, Spain (AFP) - Marc Marquez dominated the Aragon sprint race on Saturday to end three years in the MotoGP wilderness.

The six-time MotoGP champion led from pole on his Ducati-Gresini bike to crush his rivals, taking the chequered flag by almost three seconds from Jorge Martin with Pedro Acosta in third.

"I feel so very good," beamed Marquez.

"The most important day, of course, is tomorrow. Looking forward to it!"

Reigning double world champion Francesco Bagnaia suffered a miserable afternoon, finishing ninth to relinquish the overall riders' lead to Martin.

But the afternoon belonged to Marquez.

He made a lightning start from pole to lead Martin into the first bend as Bagnaia suffered a slow getaway.

The 31-year-old Spaniard had cruised to pole in qualifying. He quickly pulled clear by over a sec-

ond from the chasing pack, to the delight of tens of thousands of his home fans.

At the midway point of the 11-lap dash, the only potential obstacle between Marquez and the chequered flag was Marquez himself.

In the end, his winning margin was 2.961sec.

This was the Spanish star's first-ever sprint success after five runner-up finishes this campaign.

On Sunday he will start hot favourite in the grand prix itself.

Victory ends a long wait, stretching back to October 2021 and his last grand prix success came at Emilia Romagna, as he was battling the aftermath of crushing injury.

Marquez has enjoyed a stunning upturn in fortune since leaving Honda after 11 years to join Ducati's Gresini team this season.

And his performances have been rewarded with a seat on a factory Ducati alongside double world champion Bagnaia who now trails Martin by three points.