

Tractor Claim First-Ever Iran Pro League Title



ed its maiden championship at the Sardar Azadegan Stadium in Qazvin.

Domagoj Drozdek netted a brace as well as goals from Amir Hossein Hosseinzadeh and Ricardo Alves (penalty).

Sepahan suffered a 2-1 home loss against Gol Gohar in Isfahan's Naghsh-e Jahan Stadium. Amir Mohammad Razzaghinia and Mehdi Tikdari scored for the visiting team. Sepahan defender Arya Yousefi was shown a red card just before halftime. Muhammad Mehdi Mohebbi halved the deficit in the 75th minute.

In Tehran's Azadi Stadium, Esteghlal defeated Aluminum 5-1 thanks to goals from Ramin Rezaeian, Mohammad Hossein Eslami, Masoud Joma and Joel Kojo (two goals). Shervin Bozorg pulled a goal back from Aluminum.

Malavan was held to a 3-3 draw in Bandar Anzali.

Tractor will represent Iran at the 2025-26 AFC Champions League Elite.

Persepolis is the most decorated team, winning the title nine times out of 24 editions, followed by Sepahan with five titles.

fessional League (IPL) title for the first time.

On Friday, Tractor celebrat-

Beach Soccer Team Trashes Paraguay

HERAN - The Iranian national beach soccer team defeated Paraguay to secure passage to the knockouts stage at Seychelles 2025.

The Iranian side beat the national team of Paraguay 5-1 on Saturday to face Portugal in Group B.

Movahed Muhammadpour, Mehdi Mirjalili, Ali Nazem, Shirmuhammadi and Masou-

mizadeh scored for Iran .

Earlier on Thursday in their first match in the World Cup underway in Seychelles.

The team of Iran defeated the team of Mauritania 5-4 on in the event.

Iran are seeded in Group B along with defending African champions Mauritania, Portugal and Paraguay.



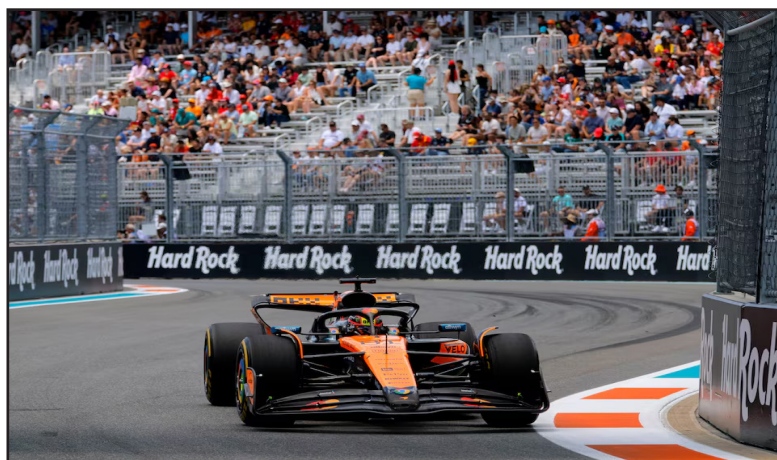
Piastri on Top in Miami Grand Prix Practice

MIAMI (Reuters) - Formula One championship leader Oscar Piastri was fastest in sole practice for the Miami Grand Prix on Friday while McLaren teammate Lando Norris had to pit and jet-tison tools left in his car.

The Australian, chasing a third win in a row on Sunday, lapped on the quickest soft tyres with a best time one minute 27.128 seconds with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc next best but 0.356 slower.

Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen, arriving in Miami after celebrating the birth of his first child with partner Kelly Piquet, was third quickest and 0.430 off the leading pace.

Norris, last year's Miami winner who lost the championship lead to Piastri in Saudi Arabia two weeks' ago, was only 12th on the timesheets after red



Miami International Autodrome, Miami, Florida.

flags prevented him completing a lap on soft tyres.

He had to pit earlier after he found tools, including a torch, left in the cockpit when he took to the track for his first lap.

Stewards said they were investigating the team for releas-

ing the car in an apparently unsafe condition, with the risk of a fine.

The session was stopped with four minutes remaining after Haas rookie Ollie Bearman hit the wall at Turn 12, before some drivers had completed quick

laps on the soft tyres.

"I'm fine, sorry," said the Briton.

Norris and Haas's Esteban Ocon had earlier had a near-miss when the McLaren came up fast on the Frenchman going slow on the racing line at the end of the straight. That incident was also being investigated.

Williams' Carlos Sainz was fourth with teammate Alex Albon fifth and Racing Bulls rookie Isack Hadjar sixth.

Mercedes had George Russell seventh, ahead of Red Bull's Yuki Tsunoda and Mercedes Kimi Antonelli with Fernando Alonso 10th for Aston Martin.

Ferrari's seven times world champion Lewis Hamilton was 13th, but again failed to get a lap in the soft tyres due to the red flags.

Zahra Husseini Wins Two Medals in World Weightlifting Championships



TEHRAN – Iranian weightlifter **Zahra Husseini** seized a bronze medal in the 2025 World Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships on Saturday.

Hosseini came third in the women's 64kg, lifting 86kg in snatch and 111kg in clean and jerk for a total of 197kg.

Albanian weightlifter Enkelda Carja claimed the gold medal with 98-115-213.

Femliy Nottle from Nauru won the silver with 92-110-202.

The global competition has gathered weightlifters from 22 countries together in Lima, Peru.

Ancelotti Quiet on Real Future Amid Brazil Links



Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti looks on before the match

MADRID (Reuters) - **Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said he will speak about his future at the club only on the last day of the LaLiga season, as Spanish media reports continue to link him with a move to the Brazil national team.**

Ancelotti, who has led Real to three Champions League trophies and two Club World Cup wins, is seeking a third LaLiga title with them as they sit four points below leaders Barcelona with five matches left.

"I can make it clear, the truth is that I am very fond of my club, my players and my fans. I'll talk about my future on the 25th (of May)," Ancelotti told reporters on Saturday ahead of a home game against Celta Vigo.

"I know perfectly well what I

have to do, what I am going to do and what I am doing, which is not talking about my future today. I know I'm disappointing you today but I don't care."

Ancelotti said he had no idea how or when he might leave Real.

"Anything will be a fantastic farewell. I've never had a fight in six years with the club and I'm not going to have one on the last day, which I don't know when it will be. It could be May 25, it could be 2026," he added.

Ancelotti said Real, who won LaLiga, the Champions League and Spanish Super Cup last season, will not give up on the league title race with Barcelona who beat them in last Saturday's Copa del Rey final.

Duplantis Falls Short of Record, Tinch Scorches in Hurdles

SHAOXING (Reuters) - **Armand Duplantis dominated the pole vault but was unable to improve his world record and American Cordell Tinch became the fourth fastest high hurdler of all time at the Shanghai-Keqiao Diamond League on Saturday.**

Olympic and world champion Duplantis soared 6.11 meters to win the competition comfortably from Greek Emmanouil Karalis (6.01) but failed in his single attempt at 6.28, a centimeter higher than the record he set in February. "The jump did not feel that great, and the run did not feel that great either," the Swede said.

"(But) to have a good attempt while not feeling my best is actually a really good thing."

Tinch, who beat 110m

hurdles world record holder Grant Holloway in the series opener in Xiamen last week, smashed Liu Xiang's meeting record with a scorching run of 12.87 seconds to match the best effort Dayron Robles managed in his career.

"It sounds pretty good," Tinch said of standing behind only compatriots Aries Merritt, Holloway and Devon Allen in the all-time list.

"I felt like I was going to run something fast (but) I didn't know it would be 12.8 fast."

South African Akani Simbine backed up his win in Xiamen last week by running down Olympic silver medalist Kishane Thompson in the last few strides to win the 100m in 9.98 seconds.

Jamaican Thompson was second in 9.99 with Botswana's Letsile Tebogo, who won



Sweden's Armand Duplantis in action during the men's pole vault final.

the 200m at the Paris Olympics, third in 10.03.

Karsten Warholm, who ran a world best time in the 300m in Xiamen, confirmed his fine form by dominating the more familiar 400m in a time of 47.28 seconds, even if he was not happy with his race.

"I hit a couple of hurdles,"

said the Norwegian world record holder.

"You always want to use every occasion to send a message, the message I send is the potential is very good if I clean up my races."

In the 400m flat, American Christopher Bailey chased down Botswana's Bayapo

Ndori on the home straight to win in 44.17 and reverse their positions from last week.

American Anavia Battle, the fastest woman over 100m this year, made it two wins out of two in the Diamond League 200m this season in 22.38 with Ireland's Rhasidat Adeleke second in 22.72.

Grace Stark won the 100m hurdles in 12.42, well shy of the 12.17 Olympic champion Masai Russell clocked in Miami on Friday to record the second fastest time in history.

Twice Diamond League champion Berihu Aregawi just held off compatriot Kuma Girma at the line to win the men's 5,000m in 12:50.45 with Mezgebu Sime finishing third in an Ethiopian 1-2-3.

Their compatriot Tsige Duguma ran the fastest time of the season to win the women's

800m more than a second in front of Australian Sarah Billings in 1:56.64.

American Chase Jackson, who will go for a third straight world title in Tokyo in September, won the shot put with a throw of 20.54m, while Greek Elina Tzengko beat a strong field with a throw of 64.90m to take the javelin.

Ukraine's Olympic and world high jump champion Yaroslava Mahuchikh made it seven wins in her last seven Diamond League meetings with a leap of 2 meters.

There was more Ethiopian success in the men's 3,000m steeplechase with Abrahm Sime storming home to win in 8:07.92, while Portugal's former Olympic and world champion Pedro Pichardo won the triple jump in 17.03m.