

Women Basketballers Win Chinese Guang Dong



TEHRAN – The Iranian national women's basketball team has won a friendly match against the Chinese team Guang Dong before the start of the FIBA Women's Asia Cup Division B

The Division B of FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025 is scheduled to be held in Shenzhen from July 13-20.

The Iranian national women's basketball team played a warm-up match against China's Guang Dong before the start of the tournament, winning 69-63.

The Iranian team is in the same group as the Cook Islands, Mongolia and Thailand in the Division B tournament.

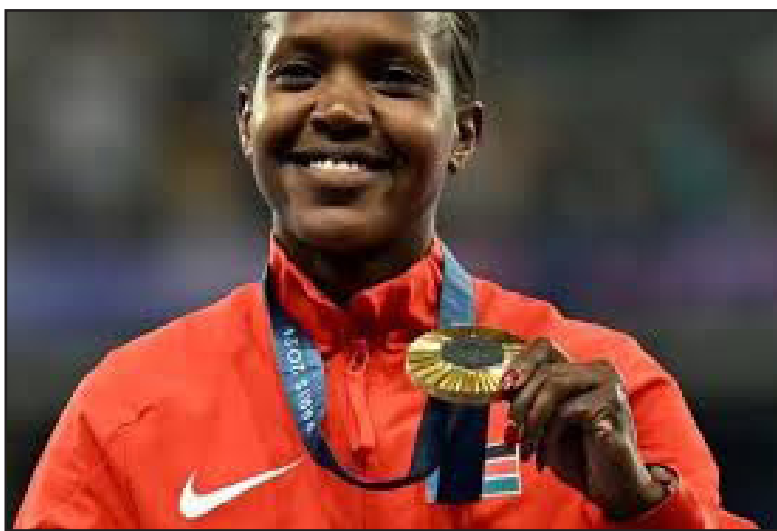
The winner of the tournament will advance to the Asian Cup Division A tournament.

Kenya's Kipyegon, Chebet Break World Records in Eugene

ROME (Reuters) - Kenya's Beatrice Chebet smashed the women's 5,000 meters world record and compatriot Faith Kipyegon broke her own 1,500m record again as the Eugene Diamond League meet lived up to its billing on Saturday.

Olympic champion Chebet ran 13 minutes 58.06 seconds to better the time set by Gudaf Tsegay by over two seconds, the Ethiopian's 14:00.21 obliterated when the Kenyan left Tsegay for dust with 200 meters to go as she sprinted for the line.

Chebet looked in shock when she saw the time, adding to her world 10,000 meters record set in Eugene last year, but she had been threatening the record, running 14:03.69 in Rome



last month.

Tsegay, along with Kenyan Agnes Jebet Ngetich, kept pace with Chebet for almost the entire race, but had no answer when Chebet kicked for home, and Jebet Ngetich finished second in 14:01.29, the third fastest time ever.

The 50th Prefontaine Clas-

sic promised fireworks, and in the final race of the evening Kipyegon ran a time of three minutes 48.68 seconds, improving her previous world mark of 3:49.04 set in Paris last July.

Kipyegon, triple Olympic champion over the distance, recently fell short in

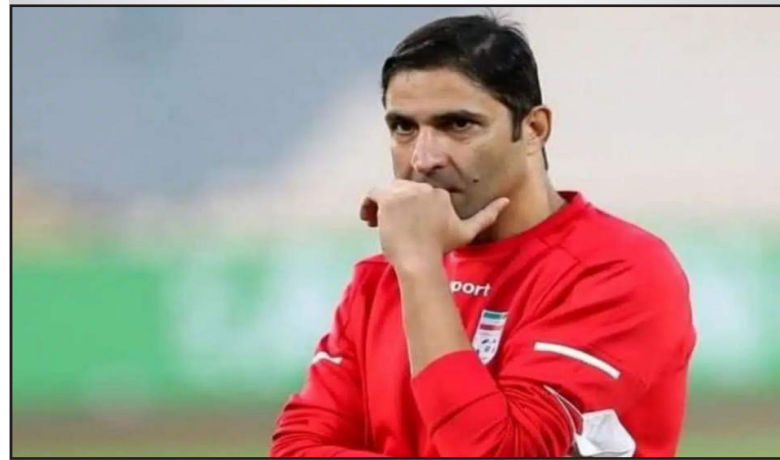
her attempt to become the first woman to run a mile in under four minutes, but the 31-year-old shook that disappointment off in style.

The Kenyan upped the pace down the back straight, powering around the final bend and pushed for the line, her eyes wide in disbelief as she glanced at the clock as she broke the tape.

Sweden's Mondo Duplantis failed in his bid to break his own world pole vault record for a 13th time.

Duplantis, who recorded his best jump of 6.28 metres in Stockholm in June, faced little competition, with nobody left at 5.90, and after clearing six meters he attempted 6.29 but was unsuccessful in all three attempts.

Vahid Hashemian Named Persepolis Coach



TEHRAN – Former VfL Bochum forward Vahid Hashemian was named as Iran's Persepolis football club.

Hashemian, who has played in Bundesliga sides VfL Bochum, Bayern Munich, Hannover 96, and Hamburger SV, replaced Ismail Kartal in Persepolis.

Hashemian, 48, most recently worked as the Iran national football team assistant coach.

Other potential candidates to replace Kartal included former China national team coach Branko Ivankovic, Brazilian coach Osmar Loss Vieira, and Foolad's Yahya Golmohammadi.

Djokovic Thumps Kecmanovic for Wimbledon Ton, Spot in Last 16



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns to Miomir Kecmanovic of Serbia during a third round men's singles match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, July 5, 2025.

LONDON (Reuters) - Seven-times Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic has roared his way to a rare century at the grasscourt Grand Slam when he outclassed Serbian compatriot Miomir Kecmanovic 6-3 6-0 6-4 and reached the fourth round in his quest for a record 25th major.

The sixth seed's stellar display ensured that he became only the third player to claim 100 match wins on the All England Club lawns after nine-times champion Martina Navratilova and eight-times winner Roger Federer.

His 49th-ranked Davis Cup teammate cracked on serve in the opening game of the second set and allowed Djokovic to quickly reel off the games and double his advantage in what suddenly became a lopsided contest.

Kecmanovic raised his fist to applause when he stemmed the flow at the start of the third set but a double fault gifted his opponent the break in the third game and Djokovic overcame a slight wobble at the end to prevail.

Liverpool's Portuguese Forward Diogo Jota Dies in Car Crash in Spain



Liverpool's Portuguese striker #20 Diogo Jota

MADRID (AFP) - Liverpool's Portuguese forward Diogo Jota and his brother have died in a car crash in northwestern Spain early, when their Lamborghini veered off the road and burst into flames.

Evidence at the crash site suggested Jota's car suffered a burst tyre while overtaking, police said. The vehicle then flipped over and ended up in the central reservation. The crash occurred around 00:30 am (2230 GMT) in the province of Zamora.

Tributes to the 28-year-old poured in from national leaders, football presidents, his teammates and clubs, while in Liverpool, devastated fans wept and laid flowers outside Anfield stadium for a man who weeks earlier had celebrated winning the Premier League with the team.

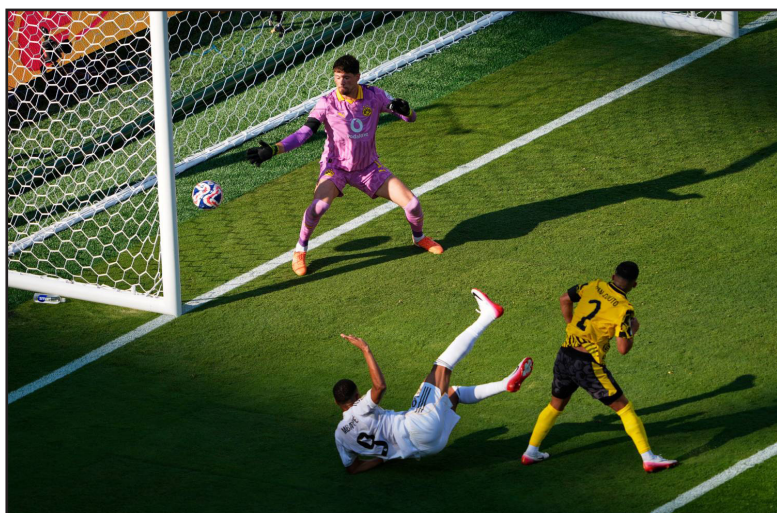
Jota, 28, had just married his partner of 10 years in late June, with whom he had three children. "My dream came true," his wife Rute Cardoso wrote on Instagram of their wedding.

Real Madrid Survive Dortmund Scare to Reach Club World Cup Semis

EAST RUTHERFORD (Reuters) - Real Madrid edged past Borussia Dortmund 3-2 in a dramatic Club World Cup quarter-final on Saturday to set up a last-four clash with Paris St Germain.

The Spanish giants stamped their authority on the match early at the MetLife Stadium, dominating possession and opening a two-goal lead thanks to strikes by Gonzalo and Fran Garcia in the 10th and 20th minutes.

Gonzalo, the 21-year-old forward continuing his breakout tournament, opened the scoring with a close-range volley from



Arda Guler's cross.

Ten minutes later, Garcia doubled Real's lead, arriving

at the far post to turn in Trent Alexander-Arnold's low delivery after an incisive move down

the right.

Jude Bellingham and Vini-cius Jr. squandered chances to extend Real's lead before half-time, while Aurelien Tchouameni came closest in the second half, rattling the crossbar with a curling effort from the edge of the box.

Despite the reduced intensity of play in New Jersey's scorching heat, Real comfortably saw out the match, leaving Dortmund unable to mount a comeback until the game exploded into life in 10 minutes of mayhem in added time.

Iran, Chile Friendly Match Canceled



Tehran – A planned friendly match between Iran and Chile's national football teams has been canceled.

The match had been scheduled for October 14.

Iran and Chile's last friendly dates back to 2015, when Team

Melli defeated the South American side 2-0 in Austria.

The Iranian football federation had previously announced that Team Melli would also face Russia on October 6.

Iran is preparing for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.