

# Iran Unveils Motto for Asian Youth Para Games 2025



TEHRAN – Iran’s National Paralympic Committee (NPC) unveiled the slogan for the country’s team at the Asian Youth Para Games 2025.

Iran will compete in the first-ever edition of these Games with the slogan “The Hopes of Iran, Ambassadors of Victory.”

Maryam Kazemipour has been designated as the chef de mission for the delegation.

The competition will include 11 sports: athletics, weightlifting, badminton, taekwondo, archery, swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basketball 3x3, boccia, arm-wrestling, and goalball.

The Asian Youth Para Games 2025 are set to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from December 7 to 14.

## Kane Bags Double as Bayern Tame Flamengo to Set Up PSG Clash

MIAMI (Reuters) - Harry Kane has scored twice as Bayern Munich tamed Flamengo 4-2 in a tense affair at the Hard Rock Stadium to set up a much-anticipated all-European quarterfinal against Paris St Germain at the Club World Cup.

Erick Pulgar’s own goal opened the scoring for Bayern and Leon Goretzka was also on target for the German side, while Flamengo, who were defensively naive, twice reduced the deficit through Gerson and Jorginho.

Backed by a raucous crowd, Flamengo played with aggression but Bayern converted all their shots on target and reaped the rewards of a fast start, scoring twice in the opening 10



Flamengo’s Brazilian defender #06 Ayrton Lucas is fouled by Bayern Munich’s English forward #09 Harry Kane.

minutes.

Earlier on Sunday, Champions League winners PSG sent a bru-

tal reminder of their firepower when they cruised past Inter Miami 4-0, taking their foot off

the pedal after the break in what could have turned into a humiliation for Lionel Messi’s MLS team.

Bayern got off to a flying start, opening the scoring in the sixth minute when Pulgar deflected a corner kick into his own net.

Three minutes later, Kane doubled the advantage with a low shot that went in off the post.

Flamengo got into something of a groove and went close in the 15th minute, only for Manuel Neuer to save Luiz Araujo’s effort from point-blank range.

Shortly after the cooling break, the Brazilian side pulled one back as Gerson fired a missile that went in off the underside of the bar, triggering a deafening roar from the crowd.

## Ruthless PSG Cruise Past Inter Miami 4-0 to Reach Club World Cup Quarters



Inter Miami’s Lionel Messi (left) and Paris Saint-Germain’s Willian Pacho compete for the ball.

ATLANTA (Reuters) - Joao Neves scored twice as Paris St Germain swept aside Lionel Messi’s Inter Miami 4-0 at Atlanta’s Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Sunday to secure their place in the Club World Cup quarterfinals with ruthless efficiency.

The French side asserted their dominance within six minutes, with Neves moving unmarked to the far post to power home a precise header from a free kick.

Neves doubled their lead in the 39th minute after a flowing move as Bradley Barcola found Fabian Ruiz, whose exquisite cross was clinically converted by the Portuguese.

Any hopes of a Miami comeback were extinguished in the first half as Messi and company barely got a look in, and their misery deepened further when

Tomas Aviles turned Desire Doue’s cross into his own net.

Messi became more involved after the break and his header was saved by Gianluigi Donnarumma following a quick counter-attack, while he struck the wall with a late free kick that brought the crowd to their feet in anticipation of a consolation goal that never materialized.

“I’m very proud of my players. Today you could see the difference in class, but football has given us the chance to compete. This is probably the best team in the world with a great coach, but we took them on,” Miami coach Javier Mascherano said.

The Champions League winners march on to the quarterfinals, where they will face the winners of the clash between Flamengo and Bayern Munich.

## Alcaraz, Sabalenka in Action on Day One at Sizzling Wimbledon



LONDON (AFP) – Carlos Alcaraz launches his bid for a third straight Wimbledon crown on Monday while Aryna Sabalenka seeks to banish a season of Grand Slam final misery as temperatures soared on the opening day of the championships.

With London sweltering in a summer heatwave, Alcaraz will aim to maintain his red-hot form in the opening match on Centre Court against 38-year-old Italian Fabio Fognini.

Having vanquished seven-time champion Novak Djokovic in the past two Wimbledon finals, Alcaraz is looking to join an elite group at the All England Club.

The 22-year-old has won 29 of his 32 Tour-level matches on grass, with his last defeat at Wimbledon coming against world number one Jannik Sinner in the last 16 in 2022.

Alcaraz is bidding to become the fifth man in the Open Era to win at least three consecutive Wimbledon titles after Bjorn Borg, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and Djokovic.

“I really want to lift the trophy. I’m not thinking about how many players have done it, winning three Wimbledons in a row,” said the Spaniard, who beat Sinner in an epic French Open final earlier this month.

“I’m just thinking that I want to prepare myself in the best way possible. Obviously, I feel a lot of confidence right now.”

Former England captain David Beckham will watch the action from

the royal box on Centre Court, alongside ex-England manager Gareth Southgate.

Temperatures on Monday are expected to climb to at least 33 degrees Celsius (91 degrees Fahrenheit).

According to the Met Office, it is provisionally the hottest start to Wimbledon on record, with 29.7 Celsius being recorded nearby.

The tournament has a heat rule that it is ready to activate to safeguard the health of the players.

The rule allows a 10-minute break to be taken between the second and third sets for women’s matches and between the third and fourth sets for men’s matches, when the heat stress index is at or above 30.1 degrees Celsius.

“The obvious point to make is that the athletes compete in temperatures like this all year on the Tour so for us Brits here at the championships it feels very hot,” said Wimbledon chief executive Sally Bolton.

“We do have the heat rule available to us which again is well used on the tour so we will be taking heat stress monitor readings.”

Sabalenka will be determined to keep her cool when the women’s top seed starts her campaign against Canadian qualifier Carson Branstine on Court One.

The 27-year-old Belarusian is a three-time Grand Slam champion but has suffered agonizing three-set defeats in this year’s Australian Open and French Open finals.

## Norris Wins F1 Austrian GP From Piastri to Narrow Title Gap



McLaren driver Lando Norris of Britain holds trophy after winning the Austrian Formula One Grand Prix in Spielberg, Austria, June 29, 2025.

BEIJING (AFP) - McLaren’s Lando Norris shrugged off the heartache of retirement last time out in Canada to beat teammate Oscar Piastri to victory in Sunday’s F1 Austrian Grand Prix, as Red Bull’s Max Verstappen

failed to finish after being hit by Kimi Antonelli on lap 1.

Starting from pole position in searing heat at the Red Bull Ring, Norris was made to work hard for the win. Piastri started third but immediately overtook

Charles Leclerc at the first corner, and kept relentless pressure on the Briton throughout the race.

The first potential flashpoint came on lap 11, when Piastri capitalized on a DRS opportunity to briefly snatch the lead into Turn 3. But Norris struck back almost immediately, reclaiming the position later in the lap.

From there, Norris maintained a slender but crucial advantage, managing the gap while negotiating backmarkers and battling minor front wing damage in the closing stages. Despite Piastri’s pace and several moments where the Australian appeared poised to launch another attack, McLaren made clear over team

radio that both drivers were free to race, but with the understanding that both cars needed to come home cleanly.

Norris ultimately crossed the line 2.7 seconds ahead of Piastri to take his third victory of the season and reduce his points deficit to the Australian to just 15.

The win marked an emphatic turnaround for Norris after his Canadian Grand Prix ended with him crashing into the back of Piastri during a late-race battle for fourth position. That incident, which Norris admitted was his fault, not only cost him a points finish but also handed Piastri momentum in their championship fight.

## LeBron James Picks Up \$52.6mn Option to Remain With Lakers

NEW YORK (Reuters) - LeBron James will become the first player in NBA history to play in 23 seasons when he returns to the Los Angeles Lakers in 2025-26.

James, the NBA’s career leading scorer, is exercising his \$52.6 million player option for the upcoming season, Klutch Sports CEO Rich Paul told ESPN on Sunday.

It is not immediately known if James, 40, desires to play past the upcoming season.

“LeBron wants to compete for a championship,” Paul told ESPN. “He knows the Lakers are building for the future. He understands that, but he values a realistic chance of winning it all. We are very

appreciative of the partnership that we’ve had for eight years with Jeanie (Buss, controlling owner and team president) and Rob (Pelinka, president of basketball operations/general manager) and consider the Lakers as a critical part of his career.

“We understand the difficulty in winning now while preparing for the future. We do want to evaluate what’s best for LeBron at this stage in his life and career. He wants to make every season he has left count, and the Lakers understand that, are supportive and want what’s best for him.”

James, who has played in 1,562 regular-season games, is 50 shy of breaking Hall of



Fame member Robert Parish’s NBA record.

James averaged 24.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 8.2 assists in 70 games in 2024-25 to rank in the top 22 in each category.

He is a 21-time All-Star,

four-time league MVP and four-time NBA champion.

James entered the NBA as an 18-year-old after being selected No. 1 in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers.