

Iranian Wushu Fighters Grab Two Medals in Chengdu World Games



TEHRAN - Iranian female wushu practitioners have struck two medals at Chengdu World Games in China.

On Tuesday, the Iranian Wushu athletes claimed a gold and a bronze medal in the 70 and 60 kg weight categories in the event.

On the fifth day of the Chengdu World Games, Yaseman Bagherzadeh took the honors after beating her Chinese opponent in the final contest of women's minus 70-kilogram category of the Sanda section.

Earlier on Monday, Bagherzadeh had overcome a representative from Bermuda to march into the title showpiece.

In 60 kg category, Soheila Mansouriyan collected the bronze medal in the women's minus 60-kilogram section with a 2-0 victory over her opponent from Hong Kong.

Sanda, sometimes called Sanshou or Lei tai, has all the combat aspects of wushu, but includes many more grappling techniques.

Nice Show Interest in Signing Taremi

TEHRAN – French football club Nice has showed interest in signing Inter Milan forward Mehdi Taremi.

Taremi has expressed a clear preference to remain in Europe for his next move.

In a boost to the likes of Leeds and Nottingham Forest, Taremi has rejected a move to South America to join Flamengo.

The report states that Taremi's agents and intermediaries are working

to find him a place in Europe, as this is his wish, as evidenced by the fact that he turned down Flamengo.

Leeds, Fulham, and Nottingham Forest are interested in him, but in the last few hours, Ligue 1 club Nice has also made a move.

Nice's entry into the race could present a challenge for Leeds and their Premier League rivals, as they can offer Champi-



ons League football to the wantaway Inter man.

Nice finished fourth in

Ligue 1 last season and will enter the qualifying rounds of the UCL.

Iran to Send 32 Athletes to Asian Shooting Championship in Kazakhstan

TEHRAN - Iranian sports shooters will participate in the 16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan from August 15 to September 25.

Iran to send 32 athletes to the event, as 733 shooters in 27 teams from 28 countries in rifle, pistol and flying target (trap and skeet) disciplines will be in three age categories: juniors, youth and adults.

Our country's shooting convoy will participate in this event in all three age categories. Our country's representatives will leave for the competition on Thursday, August 14.

The Iran's squad are as follows:



Adult rifle: Amir Muhammad Nekounam, Pouria Norouzian, Hadi Gharbaghi, Sharmine Chelhel Amirani, Fatemeh Amini and Najmeh Khedmati

Youth rifle: Saina Teymouri,

Yalda Soleimani and Darin Darabi

Youth rifle: Nazanin Zeinab Abdollahi and Muhammad Mehdi Tahmasebi

Adult pistol: Hanieh Rosta-

mian, Golnush Sabbatollahi, Samieh Yassi, Vahid Golkhandan, Javad Foroughi and Amir Joharikho

Youth pistol: Parimah Amiri, Donya Arshadnia, Tara Abbaszadeh, Muhammad Reza Ahmadi, Amir Hussein Gohari and Muhammad Mehdi Choubin

Adult skate: Saideh Fathi, Ali Dosti and Amir Muhammad Dadgar

Adult trap: Muhammad Beiranvand, Esmaeil Bagheri, Amir Hussein Aghazadeh and Marzieh Parvareshnia

Youth trap: Amir Muhammadnia

Youth trap: Shayan Forudi

Tractor Beat Esteghal to Win Iranian Super Cup



TEHRAN – Tractor, the winner of Persian Gulf Pro League (PGPL) defeated Esteghal, the winner of the Hazfi Cup 2-1 to clinch title of Iranian Super Cup.

The first half of the match between Esteghal and Tractor in the Iranian Football Super Cup ended with the capital's blue-clad team winning 1-0.

Esteghal took the lead with a header from Rouzbeh Cheshmi in the minute of 12th.

In the 81st minute, the ball

hit Saman Fallah's hands in the Tractor penalty area, causing the referee to review the scene using the Video Assistant Referee (VAR). After reviewing the images, the referee recognized the foul and announced a penalty for Tractor.

Tractor's Amirhussein Huseinzadeh leveled the match by a late goal in 86th minute while Tomislav Strkalj scored the winner in the first minute of added time.

Italian Athlete Dies After Collapse at World Games



TEHRAN - Italian orienteer Mattia Debertolis has died after collapsing during the World Games in China last week.

The 29-year-old was found unconscious by organizers during an orienteering event last Friday in Chengdu.

The Italian died on Tuesday - four days after his collapse.

"Despite receiving immediate expert medical care at one of China's leading medical institutions, he passed away," World Games organizers said in a statement.

International Orienteering Federation (IOF) President Tom Hollowell said he was "not able to adequately describe the unfathomable depth of sadness in this tragic loss of life".

Debertolis' cause of death is unknown at this stage.

The World Games is a multi-sport event held every four years for events that are not listed in the Olympics.

Debertolis was taking part in the final of the men's middle-distance event, which took place in temperatures above 30 degrees, when he collapsed.

Orienteering is an outdoor sport in which participants have to navigate between unmarked checkpoints using a map.

It combines physical activity with map-reading and problem-solving.

The Italian was one of 12 athletes listed as "Did Not Finish" in the official results.

He was part of the Italian national team and finished fifth in the 2022 World Cup final.

Debertolis, who was qualified as a civil engineer, resided in Sweden and was studying for a PhD at a university in Stockholm.

World Games organizers said they will "continue to support the family of Debertolis and the orienteering community in every possible way."

U-17 Women Footballers to Face Saudi Arabia in 2026 Asian Cup

TEHRAN – Iran's fixtures in the 2026 AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup qualification were revealed.

Iran is drawn in Group B along with Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, and Kuwait.

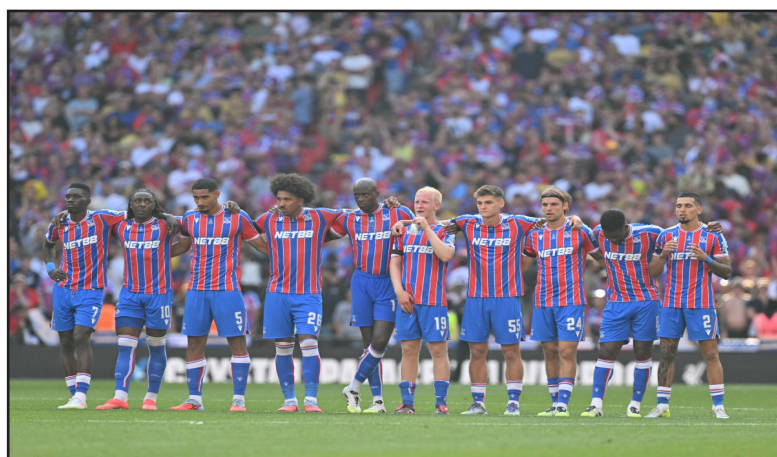
The Persian young girls will start the campaign on October 13 against Saudi Arabia at the Prince Saud bin Jalawi Stadium in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

Iran will meet Kuwait and Lebanon on October 15 and 17, respectively.

The eight group winners will progress to the 10th edition of the Finals, where they will be joined by the four AFC representatives from the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Morocco 2025 who have automatically qualified, namely DPR Korea, Japan, Korea Republic and China, to form a 12-strong line-up --four more than the previous edition.

The Finals will be contested from April 30 to May 17, 2026.

Palace Lose Appeal Against Europa League Demotion



Palace players look forward to the penalty shootout.

LONSON (Reuters) - Crystal Palace's appeal against UEFA's decision to drop them from the Europa League to the third-tier Conference League was dismissed by the Court

of Arbitration for Sport on Monday.

UEFA demoted Palace while allowing Olympique Lyonnais to play in the Europa League as, at the time of assessment

on March 1, the Eagle Football Group were majority owners of Lyon while their chairman John Textor owned a controlling stake in Palace.

Nottingham Forest, who finished seventh in the Premier League last season, will replace Palace in the Europa League.

Palace did not respond to a request for comment. Club chairman Steve Parish told reporters on Sunday that if Palace lost the appeal, they would "have to look if there's any steps after that".

The club, who qualified for the Europa League as FA Cup winners, appealed against UEFA's decision last month.

The appeal came days before New York Jets co-owner Robert Wood "Woody" Johnson completed the purchase of Eagle Football Holdings' stake in Palace.

Textor has also resigned from Lyon's board of directors with Michele Kang appointed chairwoman and president.

As both Lyon and Palace had qualified for the Europa League, the French club were allowed to keep their place because they had finished higher in their respective league. Lyon finished sixth in Ligue 1 while Palace were 12th in the Premier League.