

Freestyle Wrestlers Scoop Medals in World Championships

Zare Snatches Iran's First Gold



TEHRAN – Amir Hussein Zare won Iran's first gold medal at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships on Sunday.

The heavyweight freestyler defeated Giorgi Meshvildishvili of Azerbaijan 5-0 in the final bout of 125kg.

He had defeated Puerto Rico's Jonovan Smith 11-0 in Round of 16, Georgian Solomon Manashvili 10-0 in quarterfinals, and Bahrain's Shamil Sharipov 7-0 in semifinals.

Robert Baran of Poland and Sharipov claimed two bronze medals in the weight class.

The 2025 World Wrestling Championships began on September 14 in Zagreb, Croatia and will run until September 21.

Ishiguro of Japan 12-0 in the final bout of 86kg. The 2025 World Wrestling Championships started on September 13 in Zagreb, Croatia and will run until September 21.

Ahmad Javan Wins Silver



Iranian freestyler Ahmad Javan claimed a silver medal at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships on Sunday.

Javan lost to Zaur Uguev (UWW) 11-2 in the final bout of 61kg.

Kazakhstan's Assylzhan Yessengeldi and Nuraddin Novruzov of Azerbaijan won bronze medals.

Javan started the campaign by defeating Ecuador's Josh Kramer (13-2) in Round of 32. He defeated Novruzov (5-2) in Round of 16, as well as Ukraine's Kamil Kerymov (8-4) in Quarterfinals, and North Korea's Kim Kum-hyok (3-2) in semifinals.

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Amirali Azarpira Beats Bulgarian Opponent



In 97 kg, Amirali Azarpira won his second fight at the World Championships against his Bulgarian opponent.

Azarpira faced Ahmed Magamayev from Bulgaria in the second round, which ended with a score of 6-3 in favor of Azarpira, and he advanced to the quarterfinals.

Azarpira faced Gankhoyag Ganbaatar from Mongolia in the first round, which ended with a score of 2-2 in favor of Azarpira. World and Olympic champion Ahmad Tajuddinov, a Russian-born opponent from Bahrain, is in Azarpira's group and will not face Azarpira until the semifinals.

Rahman Amozad Crushes Kyrgyz Wrestler



In 65-kilogram, wrestler Rahman Amozad began his first fight in the World Freestyle Wrestling Championship with a victory over his Kyrgyz opponent.

Rahman Amozad competed in the second round with Ikram Jan Khadji Muradov from Kyrgyzstan, which ended with a score of 13-0 in favor of Rahman Amozad.

After this victory, Rahman Amozad will face the winner of the fight between Riel Woods from the United States and Maxim Sacholtan from Moldova in the next round.

U-16 Basketballers Beat Uzbekistan at Women's Asia Cup



TEHRAN – Iran advanced to the qualification to semifinals of the FIBA U-16 Women's Asia Cup 2025-Division B after beating Uzbekistan 61-54 on Monday.

The troika of Anahita Amini, Paria Mehrmand, and Asma Shadrouh joined hands in the 6-0 run to close the game, showing solid poise after the opposition got to within a point, 55-54, with 5:19 to spare at the Karisma Arena in Seremban, Malaysia.

Amini gave her side some room to breathe with a perfect trip to the foul line, before Mehrmand converted inside to make it a five-point lead at 59-54 with less than three minutes to go, according to Tehran Times.

Shadrouh would go 2-for-2 from the stripe as well with two minutes left for the eventual final count as Uzbekistan struggled to find the bottom of

the net in a scoring drought that happened at the worst time possible, fiba.basketball reported.

Hasti Khazaei led the young Team Melli with 16 points and 14 rebounds, while Mobina Bereihi produced 11 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists in 40 minutes to help the crew finish the Group Phase with a 2-1 record.

Wasted by the loss was the solid outing of Munirakhon Khalikova, who led the CABA squad with 25 points, mainly built on the six threes she made. Rayhona Salimova made 19 points and 15 rebounds in the loss.

Team Uzbekistan fell to 1-2 following the defeat and ended up at third place in the group, although they're still in the running for a seat in the Semi-Finals as they're also headed to the Qualification to semifinals.

U-17 Boys' Handball Team Crushes Maldives in Asia



TEHRAN – Iran's U-17 Boys' Handball team on Monday trounced Maldives in Asia Handball Championship.

In the opening match of the first Asian Under-17 Boys' Handball Championship, the Iranian team played against Maldives and produced a high-scoring victory with a score of 4-65.

Syria played against South Korea, Hong Kong faced Kuwait, China faced Saudi

Arabia, and India will faced Jordan in the event.

The Iranian Under-17 Boys' Handball Team will face Syria in its second match in this competition Tuesday.

The first Asian Under-17 Boys' Handball Championship kicked off on Monday, hosted by Jordan, and will end on October 25. The top two teams from these tournaments qualify for the World Championship.

Shabab Al Ahli to Host Tractor in 2025-26 ACL Elite



having met in the 2015 group stage of the AFC Champions League with both having won once each with Shabab Al Ahli eventually finishing as

the runner-up.

The UAE side will head into the match on a nine-match unbeaten run against teams from Iran.

Tractor, who won its do-

mestic title for the first time last season, also has an unbeaten run to protect - having not suffered defeat in its last five encounters against teams from the UAE.

It will have to watch out for Sardar Azmoun, with the Iranian striker netting nine goals for Shabab Al Ahli in the AFC Champions League Two last season.

The match will be held in Dubai's Rashid Stadium.

TEHRAN – Shabab Al Ahli and Tractor will both be out to mark their return to the top tier of Asian club football with victory when they square off in their opening AFC Champions League Elite 2025-26 tie on Tuesday.

Both featured in the AFC Champions League Two last season and confirmed their elevation to the AFC Champions League Elite by emerging champion of their respective countries.

The sides have history,