

Leader Hails Iran's Freestyle Wrestling Team After World Championship Triumph

TEHRAN - Following the victory of Iran's national freestyle wrestling team at the 2025 World Championships, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, issued a message of appreciation, commending the wrestlers for their extraordinary efforts and admirable conduct.

In his message, Ayatollah Khamenei said: "I thank the freestyle wrestling team for their astonishing effort and, thereafter, for their admirable behavior. The combination of power and spirituality is the creator of lofty values. Well done!"

Meanwhile, the highlight of Iran's triumph came in the 65-kg weight category



on Tuesday, where Rahman Amouzad delivered a dazzling, devastating, and unforgettable performance. He avenged his Olympic final defeat by crushing Ja-

pan's Kotaro Kiyoka with a commanding 10-0 victory, securing the world gold medal in emphatic fashion. With 2 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals, Iran's na-

tional freestyle team stood atop the podium, becoming world champion for the sixth time in its history and for the first time in 12 years.

Tractor, Shabab Al Ahli Share Spoils at 2025-26 ACL Elite

TEHRAN - Shabab Al Ahli and 10-man Tractor shared the spoils in a 1-1 stalemate in their opening AFC Champions League Elite 2025-26 match at the Rashid Stadium on Tuesday.

An underwhelming opening 10 minutes came to life when Tractor's Shoja Khalilzadeh sent a cross from his own half to Tomislav Strkalj, who came down the middle and struck a spectacular 25-yard strike past a rooted Hamad Almeqbaali in the



14th minute.

Tractor went down to 10 men in the 51st minute when

a VAR decision saw Domagoj Drozdek's yellow card being upgraded to red after

the striker had brought down Saeid Ezatollahi.

Custodian Ali Beiranvand went full stretch to tip the ball over the bar from Federico Cartabia's shot from distance in the 60th minute, but after blocking an attempt from Yuri Cesar, failed to stop Bala from jumping on the rebound and slotting home five minutes later for the equalizer.

Tractor will host Al Wahda of the UAE in Tabriz on September 29.

U-17 Handballers Beat Syria in Asian Championship



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scoring victory over Syria in its second match in the first round of the Asian Handball Championship and recorded its second high-scoring victory in the competition.

The Iranians finished the first half of the game with a brilliant performance in attack and defense, winning 25-11 and eventually winning 44-22 to face South Korea in their last match tomorrow.

Mehrshad Mansouri, the goalkeeper of the Iranian U-17 Handball Team, named as the best

player.

On Wednesday also, Bahrain defeated Hong Kong 54-24, Qatar overcame China 38-24, and Chinese Taipei defeated India 58-27. In the last match today, South Korea will play Maldives.

The first edition of the Asian Under-17 Boys Handball Championship, hosted by Jordan, began on September 14 and will continue until October 2. The top two teams in the tournament will qualify for the World Championship.

Amir Mehdi Yahaghi Wins Iran's First Speed Skating Medal

TEHRAN - He reached the final with a lead in all the preliminary stages, quarterfinals and semifinals, and in the final stage with a record of 10.102, he ranked third place, making Iran the first to win a bronze medal in the history of skating. The gold and silver medals in this competition went to the



representatives of Italy and Belgium.

The Iranian team ended its work in the 100-meter event with Yahaghi winning the bronze medal. Milad Salehi in the semi-finals, Soroush Mehr and Samimifar missed out on advancing to the final in the quarterfinals.

Amir Motaei Sets New National 100-Meter Breaststroke Record



TEHRAN - Swimmer Amir Motaei broke record in the 100-meter breaststroke in the over-18 age group during the Azadi Cup swimming competition.

Motaei broke the previous Iranian breaststroke record of 1:02.12, which was held by Muhammad Alirezaei with a time of 1:02.98, and became the new Iranian swimming record holder in this

event.

The sixth Azadi Cup swimming competition will continue until Friday, September 19, at the championship pool of Tehran's Azadi Sports Complex.

Over 800 swimmers are participating in the event in three age groups: 13 to 14 years old, 15 to 17 years old, and 18 years old and above.

Sepahan Lose to Jordan's Al Hussein



TEHRAN - Sepahan football team of Iran lost to Jordan's Al Hussein 1-0 in its opening match at the 2025-26 AFC Champions League Two on Tuesday.

In the match, held at the Amman International Stadium, in Amman, Jordan, Mahmoud Khrouba scored

the winner in the 28th minute.

Sepahan will host the Indian side Mohun Bagan in Group C in Isfahan on September 30.

Another Iranian team Esteghlal will meet Al Wasl of the UAE at the Zabeel Stadium in Dubai, the UAE in Group A.

Under-16 Basketballers Advance to Asian Cup Semifinals



TEHRAN - The Iranian girls' under-16 basketball team on Wednesday advanced to the semifinals of the 2025 Asian Cup in Malaysia by defeating Malaysia.

The Iranian girls' basketball team defeated Malaysia 62-33 in Division B, and to face Hong Kong in the semifinals.

Elena Kazem-Evini was selected as the best player of the court with 25 points, 3 rebounds, 6 steals, 3 assists and 22 efficiency.

The Iranians lost to India

in the group stage of the Asian Cup, won against Samoa and Uzbekistan, and competed as the second team in Group A in the playoff stage to advance to the semi-finals against Malaysia.

Reihaneh Moqanlou, Esma Shadrooh, Anahita Amini, Paria Mehrmand, Sara Mokhtari, Elena Kazem Avini, Hasti Khazaei, Elena Ahmadian, Yekta Shabani, Asal Boroumand, Mobina Berihi and Fatemeh Zahra Nemati.