

Futsal Team Advances to Final Stage of Asian Cup



TEHRAN - The Iranian futsal team on Wednesday advanced to the final stage of the Asian Cup after thrashing Malaysia 4-0.

The Iranian team faced Malaysia in its third match in the qualifying stage of the Asian Cup, which is being hosted by Indo-

nesia, and the match ended with the victory of Vahid Shamsai's team.

The Persians, which had defeated Bangladesh 12-0 in its previous two matches and defeated the UAE 10-0 in the second match, played against Malaysia in the third

match with the lineup of Saeed Momeni, Muhammad Hussein Derakhshani, Mehdi Mehdikhani, Masoud Yousef and Behrouz Azimi.

In this match, Mehdi Mehdikhani, Muhammad Hussein Derakhshani, Hussein Tayyibi and Ali Khalilvand

scored for Iran, and the match ended with a score of 4-0 in favor of our country. The Iranian national futsal team advanced to the final stage of the AFC Asian Cup as the top scorer in Group G with 3 consecutive wins, scoring 26 goals and conceding no goals.

Mehdi Rostamiha, Hossein Sabzi, Hossein Tayyibi, Amirhossein Dehghani, Ali Khalilvand, Mehdi Karimi, Abolfazl Afzali, Amirhossein Gholami and Mohammadhossein Baziar are other players who will be present at the event. The Iranian national futsal team is in Group G of the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers with Malaysia, Bangladesh and the UAE.

U-17 Handball Team Marches Into Asian Championship Final

TEHRAN - Iran outclassed Bahrain 37-19 at the 2025 Asian Men's U-17 Handball Championship semifinals Tuesday night.

In the other semifinal, South Korea narrowly defeated the Qataris 36-35.

Iran will play South Korea in the final match on Thursday.



The ongoing Asian tournament acts as a continental qualifier for the worlds, which are to be held in Morocco from October 24 to November 1.

Iran not only advanced to the final, but they also booked a berth in the IHF Men's U-17 Handball World Championship 2025.

Iran's Blind Football Team to Face Poland at Nations Cup

TEHRAN - Iran will commence the 2025 IBSA Blind Football Nations Cup with a match against Poland on Thursday.

The round-robin Nations Cup will be held at the USC Ground in Kochi, India September 25 to October 1.

Iran's Fixtures in Nations Cup:
Thursday: Iran vs Poland
Friday: Iran vs England
Saturday: Iran Vs India
Sunday: Iran vs South Korea
Monday: Iran vs Italy



Team Melli is headed by long-serving coach Javad Felfeli.

This tournament is an official event for the top six countries in the IBSA rankings announced in January 2025.

It is the first official event in the new cycle leading up to the next Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

Following the conclusion of the men's tournament, India will then host the IBSA Blind Women's World Championship between October 6 and 12.

American Isaiah Whitehead to Join Esteghlal Basketball Team

TEHRAN - The Iranian basketball club Esteghlal has reached an agreement with shooting guard Isaiah Whitehead.

Whitehead is an American professional basketball player, who last played for King Szczecin of the Polish Basketball League (PLK).

He played college basketball for Seton Hall the Brooklyn Nets of the NBA in 2016-18.

In 2016, Whitehead was selected by the Utah Jazz with the 42nd overall pick in the 2016 NBA draft.

Esteghlal, headed by Mehran Shahintab, is hoping to win 2025-26 Iran Basketball Super League.



Abolfazl Zarifpour Breaks National Record at World Para Swimming Championships



TEHRAN - Iran's para swimming national champion Abolfazl Zarifpour on Wednesday managed to break the national record in thrilling 100-meter freestyle in Singapore.

Zarifpour finished 11th in the preliminary round of the 100-meter freestyle event in the S9 class with a time of 57.93 seconds and failed to qualify for the finals.

He improved his record in this event and improved the national record by

43.00 seconds and register it in his name.

Zarifpour will face his opponents in the 50-meter freestyle event in the S9 class on Saturday.

Sina Zeighaminejad will compete in the 100-meter freestyle event in the S10 class on Friday, October 25.

The Paralympic Swimming World Championships will be hosted by Singapore, with 585 athletes from 75 countries participating.

Bonyadifard to Officiate at 2025-26 ACL Elite



TEHRAN - Iranian referee Mooud Bonyadifard has been chosen to officiate at Matchday 3 of the 2025-26 AFC Champions League Elite in October.

Bonyadifard will officiate the match between South Korea's

Gangwon and Japan's Vissel Kobe on October 22.

Bonyadifard will be assisted by his countrymen Alireza Ildorom and Farhad Moraveji.

Vahid Kazemi has also been chosen as the fourth official.

Akbar Khazaei Judges at NPC Worldwide Tbilisi PRO Qualifier 2025



TEHRAN - Iran's Akbar Khazaei served as one of the judges at the NPC Worldwide Georgia Open PRO QUALIFIER 2025 Tbilisi.

Kuwait's Mohammad Ashkanani was the head judge in the

event.

The event was held in Tbilisi, Georgia on September 20-21.

Khazaei was on the panel of judges at the 2024 William Bonac Classic IFBB Pro Qualifier and 2024 Iron Man & Iron Maiden.