

Two Iranian Freestyle Wrestlers Reach Asian Youth Finals



TEHRAN - Iranian freestyle wrestlers in the first five weight classes of the Asian Youth Championships have secured chances for two gold medals and one bronze.

In the first five weight classes of the Asian Youth Freestyle Wrestling Championships in Thailand, Amirreza Timourizad (65kg) and Sobhan Esmi (79kg) advanced to the finals after defeating their opponents. Sa-

jad Pirdadeh (70kg) reached the bronze medal match, while Erfan Siri (57kg) and Danial Tavakoli (97kg) were eliminated from the competition.

In the 57kg weight class, Erfan Siri lost 6-0 to Kyrgyzstan's Temirbekov in the first round and was eliminated following his opponent's subsequent defeat.

In the 65kg class, Amirreza Timourizad won 10-0 against

South Korea's Go in the first round. He then defeated Tajikistan's Muhammadjan Saidov 10-0 and advanced to the semifinals, where he beat Japan's Ita Shimoda 10-4 to reach the final.

In the 70kg class, Sajad Pirdadeh lost 6-3 to Kazakhstan's Saidakhmet in the first round but was brought back into the repechage after his opponent reached the final. He then defeated China's

Wang 10-0 to advance to the bronze medal match, where he will face Japan's Sukigawa.

In the 79kg class, Sobhan Esmi won 10-0 against Japan's Mizusaki in the first round. He then beat Mongolia's Javkhlinkhu 10-0 and advanced to the semifinals, where he defeated Turkmenistan's Vatan Anaurazov 12-1 to reach the final.

In the 97kg class, Danial Tavakoli lost 8-5 to India's Laki in the first round and was eliminated following his opponent's subsequent defeat to the Chinese wrestler in the semifinals.

Earlier on Friday, the Iranian national junior team claimed the Greco-Roman team crown at the championships after collecting nine medals in Pattaya, Thailand.

Iran finished atop the standings with 190 points, securing five gold, one silver and three bronze medals during the Greco-Roman competition.

Handball Team to Take Part in Nagoya Asian Games



TEHRAN - The national men's handball team will participate in the Nagoya Asian Games.

The Handball Federation website reported, Alireza Pakdel, the head of the Handball Federation, appreciated the support and development-oriented vision of Ahmad Donyamali, Minister of Sports and Youth, and considered this decision a sign of the Ministry of Sports' attention to the sustainable development of team sports and support for the

federations' infrastructure programs.

He pointed out that the Handball Federation has followed the path of development of this sport over the past years by focusing on infrastructure, talent acquisition, and generation building, and added: "Today, the fruits of this planning are clearly visible in the successes of indoor and beach handball, especially in the grassroots levels, as well as the promotion of the position of Iranian handball in Asia and the

Muhammad Rabiei Named Tractor Sazi Head Coach



TEHRAN - Tabriz Tractor Sazi football club have named Muhammad Rabiei as the head coach to replace Skocic and lead the team next Iran's premier league season.

After Skocic stepped down,

Tractor's board of directors moved quickly to secure a successor and begun negotiations with Rabiei. The talks concluded successfully, and the Iranian coach has been entrusted with leading the team until the end of the current season.

Rabiei brings valuable experience to the Tabriz-based club, having previously managed Mes Rafsanjan, Zob Ahan, and Aluminum in the Persian Gulf Pro League. He is widely regarded for his disciplined tactical approach and ability to build competitive squads.

According to club officials, Rabiei is set to travel to Qatar today to immediately assume his duties and take charge of the team as Tractor continue their domestic and continental campaigns.

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teghlal Khuzestan club last season, joined Foad Mobarakeh Sepahan football team with a contract for 3 seasons, Sepahan club media reportd.

He has experience playing in the national junior and youth teams in his career.

Five Table Tennis Athletes to Compete in Asian Games

TEHRAN - Iran table tennis team will take part with five players in the 2026 Asian Games.

Noushad Alamyan along with Arian Ghafari, Benjamin Faraji, and Muhammad Hassan Habibi are featuring Iran's squad team.

Benyamin Faraji has secured third position in the global rankings for U-17 players.

The latest rankings for week 19 of 2025 have been released, placing Faraji third among the world's top un-



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The International Table Tennis Federation announced the ranking, Noushad Alamian improved by

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Iraq's Duhok Complete Signing of Sina Asadbeigi



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son has signed a contract with the Iraqi team Duhok.

Sina Asadbeigi, the mid-

fielder of the Khuzestan Steel football team last season, has signed an official contract with the Iraqi team Duhok to play in the country's Premier League starting next season.

Duhok FC announced the signing of Asadbeigi, confirming that the 29-year-old will represent the club in the upcoming Iraqi Stars League campaign.

Duhok finished 10th in the 20-team Iraqi Stars League

last season and will begin the 2026-27 campaign under the guidance of Iranian coach Yahya Golmohammadi.

Asadbeigi brings extensive experience in Iranian football, having previously played for Paykan, Sorkhpooshan Pakdasht, Zob Ahan, Havadar, Persepolis, and Foolad. The midfielder spent the past two seasons with Foolad before making the move to Iraq.