Fardin Hedayati Named Best Greco-Roman Wrestler of 2026



TEHRAN – **United World Wrestling (UWW) has named Iran's heavyweight wrestler Fardin Hedayati the best Greco-Roman wrestler at the 2026 World Championships.**

In its announcement, UWW praised Hedayati's outstanding performance in the 130kg category, noting that he secured the world title in his first appearance at the senior World Championships.

Hedayati capped his impressive campaign with an 8-0 victory over Hungary's Darius Vitek in the final, winning the bout in just 42 seconds.

The Iranian wrestler spent a total of only seven minutes and nine seconds on the mat throughout the tournament, underlining his dominance on the way to the world title.

Last month on October 26, Hedayati won a gold medal at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships.

Tractor Held by Naftchi in AFC Champions League Elite



TEHRAN – **Iran's Tractor football club settled for a draw versus Uzbekistan's Naftchi Fergana on Monday in the AFC Champions League Elite.**

The match was held in Muscat, Oman where the Iranian team Tractor had to share spoils with Uzbakistani team Naftchi Fergana 2-2.

For tractor, Tomislav Strkalj scored at the minute of 82' while Masoud Zayer Kazemayni saved the Iranian side from a defeat at 90'+9'.

The Iranian side had to continue the match ten men after Farshad Faraji received a red card from the referee at 61' minute.

For the Uzbek side, Stipe Perica found the back of the net at the minute of 55' and Vladmir Jovovic at the minute of 90'+4'.

Judoka Sobhan Karimi Wins Silver at Youth Olympic Games

TEHRAN - Iran's Sobhan Karimi claimed the silver medal in the men's 81kg judo competition at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games.

Karimi competed in the men's 81kg judo competition at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games and took the podium for silver medal after narrowly losing to Slovenia's Maks Cebulj in the final.

Karimi, Iran's sole representative in judo at the Games, put up a strong fight in the gold medal bout, but Cebulj edged him out with a single yuko score in a closely contested final to secure the gold medal for Slovenia.

Egypt's Aly Elramly and Bulgaria's Ivan Nikolchev claimed the bronze medals in the category.

Despite his podium finish, Karimi admitted that he was disappointed not to have won gold, having set his sights on the top of the podium.



"I am not that happy with this medal. I don't think it is very good. I'm not satisfied with silver because I wanted the gold medal. But thank God, I won silver and will return home with a medal," he said.

The young Iranian judoka described the competition as a valuable learning experience, particularly in dealing with difficult moments under pressure.

"It was a new experience for me, and it was a difficult moment. I learned how to find a better solution when I find myself in a difficult situation," Karimi added.

Looking ahead, he vowed to work harder and intensify his training in order to improve his performance and achieve greater success in future competitions.

"I am going to work harder and train more to become better. I want to return to my hometown and celebrate with my family because they have supported me a lot," he said.

Karimi also revealed that he had switched off his mobile phone before the competition to avoid distractions and remain fully focused on his performance.

"I turned off my cell phone because I didn't want to talk to anyone. I wanted to concentrate on my match," he concluded.

Hussein Vafaei Reaches Top Eight at 2026 International Snooker Championship



TEHRAN - **Hussein Vafaei has advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2026 International Snooker Championship after defeating China's Si Jiahui.**

Vafaei faced China's Si Jiahui on Tuesday in the round of 16 at the 2026 International Snooker Championship and secured a 6–3 victory, earning his spot in the quarterfinals.

In the next round, Vafaei will face the winner of the match between China's Fan Zhengyi and Wales' Liam Davies.

Earlier in the tournament, the Iranian snooker player defeated England's Stuart Carrington 6–0 in the second round. He subsequently secured a 6–2 victory over Mark Selby—a prominent English snooker star and the world number four—to qualify for the main draw and the final 16 of the competition.

The 2026 International Snooker Championship is currently being held in Nanjing, China.

Gol-Khandan Finishes 5th in World Shooting Championships



TEHRAN - **The Iranian athlete has finished in fifth place in the men's 50-meter pistol event at the World Shooting Championships in Doha, Qatar.**

Vahid Gol-Khandan—representing Iran at the World Shooting Championships in Doha, Qatar—secured fifth place in the men's 50-meter pistol event with a score of 555 points.

In the competition, which featured 41 shooters, representatives from Russia, India, Romania, and China took the first, second, third, and fourth positions, respectively.

Maryam Soltani serves as the head of the Iranian national shooting team for these championships.

Iranian Girls' Futsal Team Downs Cameroon at Youth Olympic Games

TEHRAN - **Iranian women's youth national futsal team on Tuesday defeated Cameroon in their second match at the Youth Olympic Games in Senegal.**

The Iranian women's youth national futsal team beat Cameroon 5–3 in their second match at the Youth Olympic Games in Senegal, securing their second victory in the tournament.

The young Iranian players faced the Cameroon national team in their second Group B match won the match with a score of 5–3.



Narges Amirmohseni (2), Tannaz Bagheri-Nia, Nafiseh Muhammadi, and Setayesh Rezaei Salehi were the goalscorers for Iran in this match.

In their third match, the Iranian women's youth national futsal team will face Italy on Thursday.

Taremi Scores for Al-Wasl in AFC Champions League Elite

TEHRAN - **The Al-Wasl football team has secured a high-scoring victory in the AFC Champions League Elite, fueled by an outstanding performance from Mehdi Taremi.**

The UAE's Al-Wasl hosted Iraq's Al-Quwa Al-Jawiya (Air Force Club) in a Matchday 4 fixture of the AFC Champions League Elite on Monday evening, emerging victorious with a 4–3 scoreline.

Mehdi Taremi (5'), Nicolás Giménez (15' and 67'—the latter assisted by Taremi), and Pedro Malheiro (41') scored for Al-Wasl. Al-Quwa Al-Jawiya's goals came in the 21st, 55th, and 80th minutes.



With this home win, Taremi and his teammates reached three points, placing them 11th in the 16-team West Region standings of the AFC Champions League Elite.