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Iran is eager to bounce back from a poor start to its campaign in the Volleyball Nations League when kicking off Week 2 of the preliminary round against Germany in Rotterdam today.

Behrouz Ataei's men will step onto the court at Rotterdam Ahoy on the back of three defeats in four games, knowing further wobbles in the Dutch city could all but finish their quest for a place in the quarter-finals. Iran is 11th in the 16-team table but will have to end in the top half to progress to the VNL Finals - starting July 19 in Gdansk, Poland. Ataei's side was well beaten by Japan in straight sets in their VNL opener on the Asian foe's home soil in Nagoya.

A much improved performance saw Iran win the first two sets

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against Poland before the European powerhouse rallied to come out victorious in a third successive five-setter between the two teams at the event.

Iran then came from behind to beat China in four sets but again fell to a defeat in three sets against the surprise package of the tournament Slovenia to close out a disappointing first-week run.

Third from bottom in the standings, Germany has also managed a single victory so far - a 3-1 win against Canada in Ottawa last time out in the competition.

The Germans suffered four-set losses to volleyball giants Brazil and Italy either side of a defeat in straight sets against the Netherlands.

Ataei has made one significant change to the squad that was in action in Nagoya, leaving out Mohammad-Javad Ma'navinejad - much to the outside hitter's annoyance - to make room for Meysam Salehi, who has fully recovered from a shoulder injury.

Iran will be facing even tougher opponents in Rotterdam as the Asian powerhouse will take on reigning

world champion Italy on Wednesday before squaring off against last year's VNL runner-up USA two days later.

A depleted Italian team opened its campaign with back-to-back straight-set defeats against Argentina and USA but came out on top in four-setters against Cuba and Germany to stand ninth in the table.

However, Italian head coach Ferdinando De Giorgi has named a full-strength squad for the visit to Rotterdam as they will be looking to secure a last-eight spot for a second year running.

The Americans, meanwhile, eased to three successive victories over the Netherlands, Italy, and Canada - without conceding a single set - but a 3-1 setback against Brazil saw them finish second in the table.

Iran's last outing in Rotterdam will be on Friday against the host, which is seventh - courtesy of two wins and defeats apiece.

The Netherlands left the court empty-handed against the Americans but won in straight sets against Cuba and Germany, before a five-set thriller against Argentina saw Nimir Abdel-Aziz and co. suf-

fer a second setback.

Iranian head coach hopes his men will be inspired by their impressive run in last year's event, where they overcome a shaky start - three defeats in five games - to beat USA, Canada, Poland, Slovenia, and Serbia in the following seven matches and find their way into the quarter-finals. Iran will conclude the preliminary round with a trip to Anaheim, California, in the United States to face Tokyo Olympic gold medalist France, Bulgaria, Argentina, and Cuba.

Japan has been in flying form at this year's tournament as a clean sweep of four victories at home led to a top-spot finish in Week 1, with USA, Argentina, Slovenia, Brazil, Poland, the Netherlands, and Serbia following the Asian side in the table.



## Iranian weightlifter Davoudi scoops triple golds in IWF Grand Prix

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Iranian superheavyweight weightlifter Ali Davoudi made an impressive return to the international scene at the IWF Grand Prix Havana 2023.

The reigning Olympic silver medalist took a major step in securing a berth in next year's Paris Games by making a clean sweep of the men's +109kg golds at the qualifying event in the Cuban capital.

In the absence of the four medalists in last year's World Championships - Georgian sensation Lasha Talakhadze, Bahrain's Gor Minasyan, Armenian Varazdat Lalyan, and Syrian Man Asaad - the 24-year-old Iranian began his campaign with a 195kg lift in the snatch contests.

The winner of six Asian golds failed to raise the 203kg weight above his head but was successful on his third attempt to finish the category 22kg clear of second-placed Belarussian Eduard Ziaziulin, who represented the Individual

Neutral Athletes team in Havana. Ecuador's Jorge David Arroyo Valdez settled for the snatch bronze with a best tally of 180kg.

Davoudi picked up where he had left off in the snatch event, overcoming the 238kg weight in his first clean & jerk lift.

The Iranian could not overcome the 251kg and 252kg barriers in his next two attempts but the first lift proved to be enough for the C&J gold.

David Andrew Liti of the New Zealand finished second to the Iranian with 226kg, while Serbian Tamas Kajdoci registered 216kg for the bronze.

An overall tally of 441kg sealed a third gold of the night for the Iranian, with Liti (400kg) and Kajdoci (391kg) taking the overall silver and bronze medals respectively.

The weightlifting competitions will be held across five weight classes.

Each country will be allowed to have a maximum of the three contestants in each of the men and women contests.



**Second Announcement**      **Copper Cathode Tender Notice**

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O	< 50	"	Se	< 0.4	"	Sn	< 1	"
Bi	< 1	"	Si	< 1	"	P	< 1	"
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All calculation of Provisional/Proforma/Final invoices is based on USD, then converted to Euro for payment.

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