

# Iranian boys flying high at FIVB U19 World Championship



Iranian middle-blocker Armin Qelichniazi (20) hits a spike during a straight-set victory over Puerto Rico at the FIVB Boys' U19 World Championship in San Juan, Argentina, on August 3, 2023.

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## Sport Desk

Iran registered a second successive victory at the FIVB Boys' U19 World Championship in San Juan, Argentina, thanks to a 3-0 (25-18, 25-15, 25-12) rout of Puerto Rico on Thursday. Mohammad Vakili's boys had opened their campaign in Pool C with a straight-set win against South Korea. Abolfazl Mahdian and Matin Hosseini contributed with a game-high 12 points apiece for the two-time world champion, which tallied a remarkable 10 aces against Puerto Rico – including four for outside-hitter Hosseini.

The result kept Iran atop the pool with three wins as Vakili's team has already been handed a 3-0 win against Nigeria after the African side withdrew from the competition. Chasing a first world title since 2017, Iran will face Colombia – beaten in four sets by South Korea on Thursday – in the final match of the preliminary round today. Elsewhere on Thursday, USA, having rested on the first day of the competition, got off to flying start in Pool A with a 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 25-15) sweep of Costa Rica, while Argentina walked away with a second victory on

home soil, beating Serbia 3-0 (25-14, 25-12, 25-22). Belgium also celebrated a straight-set victory in their opening Pool D game in San Juan, hammering Chile 25-21, 25-18, and 25-22. Reigning European champion Italy tops Pool D after claiming a 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-21) win against Mexico. The biggest upset of the tournament so far came in Pool B, where France pulled off a 3-1 (25-21, 20-25, 25-18, 25-19) triumph over the world's number one U19 team Bulgaria. The top four of each group will progress to the last-16 round.

# Iran crowned Asian junior weightlifting champion



Iran's Taha Nemati celebrates after a successful attempt in the boys' junior +102kg contest at the Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships in Delhi, India, on August 3, 2023.

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A remarkable 23 medals – including nine golds – saw the Iranian boys win the junior contests at the Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships in Delhi, India. In the absence of weightlifting powerhouse China, the Iranian team finished atop the table with 741 points – nine points clear of runner-up Uzbekistan – with the host in third with 672 points. Iranians dominated the heavyweight events in Delhi, grabbing all 12 gold and silver medals in the 102kg and +102kg weight classes. The +102kg contests were all about Taha Nemati, who registered the best lifts of 166kg in snatch, 200kg in the clean & jerk, and 366kg in total for a clean sweep of golds. Nemati was followed in each category by fellow Iranian Hamidreza Mohammadi, who tallied a 158kg snatch lift as well as 192kg in the C&J event before an overall 350kg record sealed three silvers for him. Abolfazl Zare', meanwhile, walked away with all three golds up for grabs in the 102kg competitions after his successful 158kg snatch attempt was followed by a best 190kg record in the C&J event, which also brought the total gold for the Iranian with 348kg. Zare's glorious campaign also secured the snatch gold plus the C&J and total silvers of the youth contests for the Iranian. The three junior silvers of the weight class went to Abolfazl Kiani, who recorded 141kg in snatch, 177kg in the clean & jerk, and 318kg in total. Illiya Salehipour got Iran off the mark in the

boys' junior event by grabbing triple silvers in the 81kg contests, while the first gold medals for the country came in the 89kg class, where Amirmohammad Soleimani grabbed the snatch gold, C&J bronze and the total silver, with Farhad Qolizadeh claiming the C&J and total golds plus the snatch silver. Qolizadeh's records saw the Iranian finish his campaign with the C&J silver and the total bronze in the youth contests. Representing Iran in the 96kg competitions, Hamidreza Zarei took the clean & jerk silver with 174kg before a tally of 306kg gave him the total bronze.

## Glory for girls

The Iranian girls enjoyed a glorious run in Delhi, stealing the show in the 64kg weight class with five gold medals. Fatemeh Keshavarz made history by becoming the first Iranian girl to walk away with an Asian youth gold after grabbing all three coveted medals of the class. Ghazeleh Hosseini also wrote her name in the history books by winning the first junior girls' golds for the country at the Asian Championships as she finished on the first podium on three occasions in the 64kg category. Haniyeh Sharifi, meanwhile, had a decent finish in India with the junior C&J silver and total bronze of the weight class. Reyhaneh Karimi added three youth medals to Iran's medal count in the girls' 59kg event. She tallied 81kg for the snatch bronze and went on to register 107kg to take the C&J silver and the total bronze.

# Kiani bags fourth taekwondo gold for Iran at World University Games

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Nahid Kiani grabbed a fourth taekwondo gold for Iran at the FISU Summer World University Games in Chengdu, China. The reigning Asian champion came out on top in two rounds against Su Po-ya of the Chinese Taipei to walk away with the ultimate prize of the women's -53kg weight class on Thursday. This was a fifth women's taekwondo medal for the country in the Games after Narges Mirnourollahi had settled for the joint bronze of the -62kg contests, while Anahita Tavakkoli took the +73kg silver. Yasaman Limouchi finished her campaign in the individual poomsae contests with a joint bronze and was also part of the Iranian trio – alongside Reyhaneh Omrani and Mobina Sharifi – that shared the third podium with Vietnam in the team event. Elsewhere on Thursday, Ari-an Salimi made it to the final showdown of the men's -87kg competitions, only to suffer a 2-1 defeat against the host's Meng

Mingquan and take the silver. Salimi's silver rounded off an impressive campaign in the men's taekwondo for the Iranians, who also collected three gold and bronze medals apiece. Mehdi Haji Mousaei defeated Uz-

bekistan's Omonjon Otajonov for the coveted gold of the -54kg class, while a second final featuring Iranian and Uzbekistani contestants saw Alireza Hosseinpour come out victorious against Amirbek Turayev. A world silver medalist in 2017, Mirhassem Hosseini also left the Games with a gold thanks to a victory over home-favorite Cui Yang in the -74kg final. Mehran Barkhordari claimed the joint -80kg bronze, while in the men's poomsae events, Morteza Zendehtdel finished third to South Korean Wanjin Kang and Mingda Hu of China. Zndehtdel then went on to team up with Reza Jalalifar and Ali Mousania for another poomsae bronze in the Games.



Iran's Nahid Kiani poses with her women's -53kg gold in the taekwondo competitions of the Summer World University Games in Chengdu, China, on August 3, 2023.

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# Chelsea sign France international Disasi on six-year deal

BBC – France international defender Axel Disasi has joined Chelsea from Monaco on a six-year contract for 45m euros (£38.57m). Disasi, 25, offers defensive cover at Stamford Bridge after Wesley Fofana sustained a serious knee injury. He played in all 38 of Monaco's Ligue 1 games last season. "I am really proud to be able to be a part of this great family," Disasi told Chelsea's website. "I hope to achieve very big things here. To win titles. I will do everything I can to achieve those objectives. I am very ambitious." The Blues, meanwhile, have agreed a fee with Brighton for goalkeeper Robert Sanchez, while several bids for the Spaniard's team-mate Moises Caicedo have been rejected by the Seagulls. Disasi has played four times for France, including featuring as a substitute in the 2022 World Cup final defeat against Argentina, and made 129 appearances for Monaco after joining from Stade de Reims in August 2020. The centre-back becomes Chelsea's

sixth signing of the summer following the acquisitions of Christopher Nkunku, Nicolas Jackson, Lesley Ugochukwu, Angelo Gabriel and Diego Moreira, as new manager Mauricio Pochettino continues to put his stamp on the squad. Disasi will compete with fellow central defenders Thiago Silva, Trevoh Chalobah, and Levi Colwill – who signed a new deal on 2 August – for a starting berth, while compatriot Benoit Badiashile will miss the start of the Premier League season with a hamstring injury and Fofana is expected to be sidelined for several months after damaging his anterior cruciate ligament. Mateo Kovacic, Edouard Mendy, Kalidou Koulibaly, N'Golo Kante, Mason Mount, Kai Havertz, Christian Pulisic, Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Ethan Ampadu, Pierre Emerick-Aubameyang, Abdul Rahman Baba and former captain Cesar Azpilicueta have all departed the club so far this summer.

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