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Fardin Hedayati celebrates with the Iranian flag after winning the Greco-Roman 130kg gold medal at the Wrestling U20 World Championships in Amman in, on August 19, 2023.

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*Wrestling U20 Worlds:* Iran wins Greco-Roman title, completes quadruple of youth crowns

> after the Iranian under-20 team had celebrated the world freestyle crown for a third year in a row. It also cemented Iran's stature as the dominant force of the world age-group wrestling, rounding off a magnificent three weeks in the sport fort the country after both cadet squads had come out on top in the under-17 world event in Istanbul – bagging 10 medals, three of which were golds, between them. The final day of the competi-

tions in Amman, however, was one to forget for the Iranians as Yassin Yazdi suffered a 9-1 loss to Turkey's Alperen Berber in the 82kg final, while Ahoura Bouveiri (67kg) and Mohammad-Mahdi Miri (72kg) left the Jordanian capital empty-handed after defeats in the third-place bouts of their respective weight classes.

Amir-Reza Dehbozorgi won Iran's sole medal on Sunday when he outmuscled Kazakhstan's Saifulla Kurman 9-0 for the 60kg bronze. Still, a glorious run on the preceding night was enough for the country to lift the Greco-Roman trophy as Ahmadreza Mohsennejad (63kg), Alireza Abdevali (77kg), and Fardin Hedavati (130kg)



The Iranian team and coaching staff pose with the Greco-Roman trophy at the Wrestling U20 World Championships in Amman, Jordan, on August 20, 2023. 😑 IJWW

grabbed three gold medals, with Abolfazl Choubani settling for the silver in the 55kg contests.

The Iranian squad stood on the top podium with a remarkable 162 points, followed by Georgia, which tallied 89 points – a single point clear of third-placed Armenia. Sunday's triumph followed an emphatic freestyle campaign in Amman, where Iran collected four golds, and double silvers, as well as a bronze across 10 weight categories.

Mohammadreza Shakeri (65kg), Mohammad-Mobin Azimi (92kg), Abolfazl Babalou (97kg), and Amir-Reza Masoumi (125kg) walked away with the ultimate prize of their classes to spearhead Iran's title run-in, while Ali Rezaei (70kg) and Hossein Mohammad-Aqaei (74kg) added a couple of silvers to the medal haul.

Ali Khorramdel finished his campaign with a consolation bronze in the 61kg event as Iran picked up 165 points, with USA (152pts) and India (102pts) following Mohsen Kaveh's team in the table.

Next for the Iranian wrestling is the seniors' World Championships – starting September 16 in Belgrade, Serbia.

## World Athletics Championships: Lyles trying to fill the Bolt-hole

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## on and off the track



**REUTERS –** Since his retirement in 2017, athletics has routinely asked "where is the new Usain Bolt?" but newly-minted world 100 metres champion Noah Lyles is doing his best on and off the

better, it needs to be fun," Lyles said after his victory, the fourth in a row in the event for the U.S.

"It's easy to market me, I'm out there, but there are other stories, other approaches. I feel we have everything you need in track and that needs to be told better. "We're giving people a docu-series – tonight is episode two, it should be a good one. Winning the 100 metres always helps, a double helps more and a treble helps even more." Lyles expects to claim a third successive 200m title. and the U.S. will start as hot favourites in the 4x100 relay.

American Noah Lyles (R) crosses the line to win the men's 100m final at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, on August 20, 2023. MARTON MONUS REUTERS

long journey," he said. "Today was my first PR (personal record) since 2019 and I remember that day I believed in myself so much. I felt it again today, but the scary thing is that there is so much

## **Persepolis signs Iran U23** captain Salmani

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A total of six medals – including

triple golds - saw Iran claim the

Greco-Roman title at the Wrestling

U20 World Championships in Am-

The Greco-Roman glory came days

man, Jordan.

Iranian midfielder Yasin Salmani, the skipper of the national under-23 team, joined Persian Gulf Pro League champion Persepolis as a free agent. "I am so thrilled to be here," the former Sepahan player told reporters after signing a two-year contract with the Tehran Reds, adding: "I will be looking to have one of the best seasons of my career and win titles here'

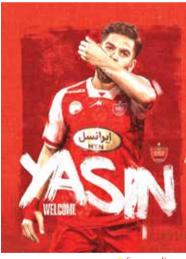
Coming through the ranks at Sepahan, the 20-year-old midfielder made his senior debut for the Isfahan-based club in December 2019 and went on to score seven goals in 62 appearances across all competitions.

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His move ends weeks of speculations surrounding his future, as the Iranian prodigy was also a summer target for the Reds archrival Esteghlal, while he had the intention of continuing his football overseas.

"I had negotiations with other clubs but I am at the right place. I want to stay here for as long as possible, though Persepolis could also be a Launchpad for me," added the Iranian.

Salmani is the fourth summer signing for Persepolis, following Iranian international center-back Hossein Kan'anizadegan, midfielder Masoud Rigi, and striker Shahab Zahedi, who has joined on loan from Ukrainian club Zorya Luhansk.



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track to bring his sport firmly into the public limelight.

The double world 200m champion claimed the 100m title with a personal best 9.83 in Budapest on Sunday, backing up his prediction of glory, if not quite the predicted 9.65 time, and will now seek to become the first man since Bolt to do the world sprint double.

His achievements are being followed by the latest "behind the scenes" documentary and Lyles, 26, is proud to be doing his bit for a sport that, in the United States in particular, has to fight tooth and nail for attention.

"I believe track and field needs to market itself He has predicted he can take down the great Jamaican's 2009 200m world record of 19.19 seconds having already accomplished the "hardest part" of the series via the 100. and say that was the

"The 100 has been a start of a dynasty."

to improve on for me in the 100. "With the 200 I know where I am. Me and the 200 have a special connection. I know that bend, that straight, that slingshot. In the 100 there are spots I don't know but in the 200 I know I'm there and that record is so close. "The double is important because I know I'm the fastest, but to be able to say that with the

utmost confidence I had to win the 100. "I've known for a long time I had so much more to give to 100, but I've been giving it all to the 200. Now I'm going for three and people will look back at this year First Announcement



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