

Iran's goalball team to play France in Paris 2024 opener



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The International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) released the official schedule for goalball at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.

Iran will lock horns with France in its opening match on August 30 in Pool A, reported Tasnim News Agency.

Team Melli will also play against Brazil and the US on August 31 and September 1.

Egypt, Ukraine, Japan and China are in Pool B.

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will take place from August 28 to September 8 and will see more than 4,000 athletes from around the world competing in 549 medal events.

Iran sitting volleyball to play Kazakhstan

The Iranian men's sitting volleyball national team will play a friendly match with Kazakhstan in Mashhad. The match is scheduled for next week, Tasnim News Agency wrote.

Team Melli is preparing for the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris, where the team is drawn in Pool B along with Brazil, Germany and Ukraine.

Kazakhstan is in Pool A along with host France, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Egypt.

The Iranian team has won seven gold medals in the Paralympic Games so far.

Ayoub El Amloud finalizes deal with Persepolis



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Moroccan right back Ayoub El Amloud, who joined Iran's Persepolis football club last week, has arrived in Tehran to finalize his deal.

El Amloud, 30, has most recently played for the Moroccan club Wydad AC, Tasnim News Agency reported on Tuesday.

Persepolis has signed El Amloud as a replacement for Danial Esmailifard.

The Iran league title holder will be led by Spanish coach Juan Carlos Garrido in the new season.

Persepolis will participate in the 2024-25 AFC Champions League Elite.

Iran freestylers bag three golds at Asian Wrestling

The superb performance of Iranian representatives on the first day of the Freestyle Wrestling of Asian Youth Championships led to the winning of five medals in Sriracha, Thailand.

The bagging of three gold medals, one silver and a bronze with 110 points on Tuesday paved the ground for the Iranian team to be crowned on Wednesday after the completion of the second day of competitions, IRNA reported.

In the 65kg contests, Ali Khorramdel stood on top

against Mongolian wrestler Shattyk Alaidar 8-4 in the final game, while Ali Karampour finished his campaign with the gold medal of the 70kg class following a 9-0 victory over Kazakhstan's Aikyn Bolatuly.

Abolfazl Babaloo won a third gold medal for Iran when he bested Indian Sahil Jaglan in the 97kg final.

Iranian Majid Kheirabad had to settle for the silver medal in the final of 79kg, where he lost 10-0 to Alp Arsalan Bejenjov from Turkmenistan. The bronze of 57kg went to

Iranian wrestler Ali Momeni for his triumph in ranking matches over Mongolia's Myanganbanzragch Tumentogtokh as Indian wrestler Ankush Ankush received the gold medal with a 4-2 win against Uzbekistan's Asadbek Saidturaev.

Iranian wrestlers Shahdad Khosravi (61kg), Ali Rezaei (74kg), Abolfazl Rahmani (86kg), Amirreza Daliri (92kg) and Amirreza Mansouri (125kg) will face their rivals on the second day of the Freestyle Wrestling of Asian Youth Championships.



Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship:

Iran crush China in opening match



Iran kicked off the 2024 Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship with a bang as they smashed China on Tuesday to secure a decisive 3-0 victory.

The 22nd edition of the tournament started on Tuesday in Surabaya, Indonesia, with 16 teams vying for the title. Iranian volleyballers, drawn in Group B

alongside China, Chinese Taipei, and Qatar, swept aside China in three straight sets (29-27, 25-21, 25-18) in their opening preliminary round matches, IRNA reported.

Arian Mahmoudinejad, Armin Qelich-Niazi, Matin Hosseini, Pouya Ariakhah, Taha Behbodnia, Emran Koukjili, and Mortaza

Tabatabaei formed the starting lineup for Iran, who took full control throughout the match to notch up a conclusive win, bagging all the three points on offer. Iran's youths will continue their quest for glory on Tuesday and Thursday, facing Chinese Taipei and Qatar, respectively, in their remaining preliminary round fixtures.

Earlier in the day, Japan, Chinese Taipei, and Saudi Arabia chalked up 3-0 victories against Kuwait, Qatar, and Australia, respectively, while Bangladesh, coached by Iranian Ali Pourorouji, went down fighting against India, losing 3-2.

The Iranian team is being guided by Gholamreza Moemeni-Moqaddam (head coach), Mohammad-Hossein Nejati, Mohammad Mansouri, and Amin aliakbari (assistant coaches), Hossein Kordfirouzjaei (physiotherapist), Saeed Jadidoleslam (data analyst), Mehdi Hassanzadeh (fitness coach), and Mahmoud Mohammadi Yazdi (masseur).

Palestine urges Int'l Olympic Committee to remove Israel from summer games

Palestine has called on the head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to exclude the Israeli regime from the summer games in Paris.

The Palestine Olympic Committee sent a letter to the IOC President Thomas Bach and asked him to disallow the participation of Israel in the 2024 Olympic games, Arab News reported.

The letter says the bombardment of the Gaza Strip and the presence of the one who bombards the besieged area is a violation of the Olympic truce. The letter also emphasized that the Palestinian athletes, espe-

cially those in the Gaza Strip, have suffered severely due to the constant Israeli attacks.

According to the Palestine Olympic Committee, about 400 Palestinian athletes have been killed and the destruction of the sports places has complicated the hazardous situation of the athletes who are under severe bans.

Meanwhile, France's interior minister already declared that Israeli athletes are receiving 24-hour protection during the Paris games.

The Olympic Games Paris 2024 will be held from July 26 to August 11 in France.



Andy Murray confirms he will retire from tennis after Olympics in Paris

Andy Murray has confirmed that he will retire from professional tennis after competing at the Olympic Games in Paris.

On Tuesday morning, Murray posted on X: "Arrived in Paris for my last ever tennis tournament. Competing for Great Britain have been by far the most memorable weeks of my career and I'm extremely proud to get to do it one final time!"

The Olympics have been one of the most successful tournaments of Murray's career, with the Briton winning two consecutive singles gold medals in London 2012 and Rio 2016 as well as a mixed doubles silver medal in 2012 alongside Laura Robson. Paris will mark his fifth Olympic games after playing his first Olympics in Beijing 2008, wrote The Guardian. Murray is scheduled to compete in singles and doubles alongside Dan Evans at the Olympics,

which takes place on clay courts at Roland Garros. It is still unclear, though, if the 37-year-old will compete in singles after undergoing back surgery four weeks ago. Over the past five years, despite fears that he would retire in 2019, Murray has continued to compete at the highest level following hip resurfacing surgery in 2019. Last summer, the former No 1 reached No 36 in the ATP rankings, his highest ranking since undergoing the surgery and competing with a metal hip.

Since the second half of last year, though, Murray has struggled badly with his results and his body. Just when his form finally seemed to be improving in March, he tore ligaments in his ankle in the third set of his third-round match at the Miami Open and was sidelined for seven weeks.

A day after winning his first ATP match following the injury, Mur-

ray was then forced to retire from his second-round match at Queen's due to severe back pain and he subsequently underwent back surgery to remove a spinal cyst.

Murray remarkably returned to competition 12 days after the surgery in order to compete at



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Wimbledon for the last time alongside his brother, Jamie, in the men's doubles, with the pair losing a tight first round match to Australian pair Rinky Hijikata and John Peers. Murray then received an emotional ceremony after the match. He had also been scheduled to compete with Emma Raducanu in mixed doubles, but she withdrew before the first round as a precaution ahead of her last-16 singles match.

Throughout this summer, Murray has said that he intended to retire at the Olympics but he wanted to be certain that he would also compete in the doubles draw, where he has a better chance of making a deep run. His back surgery then led to further uncertainty about his retirement plans as he was not sure if he would recover in time for Wimbledon, let alone the Olympics. Murray said he had no intention of competing

at the US Open and his family has a holiday booked after the Olympics. "If I'm able to play at Wimbledon and if I'm able to play at the Olympics, that's most likely going to be it," Murray said on the eve of Wimbledon.

After arriving in Paris Great Britain's Olympic tennis team from London via Eurostar on Monday, Murray trained with Evans on Court Philippe-Chatrier before moving to an outside court for an intense doubles training session alongside Evans against Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski, Britain's top-ranked doubles team. With an additional two weeks of rehab and recovery, Murray looked considerably more mobile and comfortable on-court than at Wimbledon. He will learn of his opponents in his final tournament following the tennis draw ceremony on Thursday morning.