

Shadi Rezaei named Persepolis women football team headcoach



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Shadi Rezaei was appointed the headcoach of the newly-established team Persepolis women football club. Rezaei, 33, has previously worked as head coach in the Tehran-based team Ava, Tasnim News Agency reported. Persepolis will start its presence in The Kowsar Women Football League 1st Division next month. The Kowsar Women Football League is a women's football league, run by the Football Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran. At the top of the Iranian football league system, it is the country's primary competition for the sport. It was established in 2007.

Iranian teams learn fate at ICF Canoe Polo World Championships



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The best Canoe Polo teams are ready to fight for top honors as the 2024 International Canoe Federation Canoe Polo World Championships begins in Deqing, China. Iran's men's team are drawn in Group F along with France, Portugal and Singapore, Mehr News Agency reported. Iran's women's team are also pitted against France, the Netherlands and Chinese Taipei in Group B. Stakes are high as six men's and women's teams can also seal a spot at the World Games 2025 in Chengdu. Set to run until October 20, a total of 71 teams from 27 countries and all five continents will give it their best to be crowned world champions. Germany will enter the World Championships as the defending champions among men and women. The tournament was inaugurated on Monday with a spectacular Opening Ceremony, including a parade of the athletes and traditional Chinese dance performances.

Iran's table tennis players advance in ITTF ranking

Iranian table tennis players Noshad Alamiyan, Nima Alamiyan, Benyamin Faraji, and Shima Safaei have moved up in the new ranking of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

Following the table tennis competitions in the 2024 Asian Championships, the latest international tennis player rankings were released, showing that four Iranian table tennis players have improved their positions, reported Mehr News Agency.

Iran's leading table tennis player, Noshad Alamiyan, has advanced two places after delivering an acceptable performance in the Asian competitions and qualifying for the World Championships, now standing at 48th place.

His brother, Nima, also moved up two places in the new ranking and is now at 151st place. Another Iranian table



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tennis player, Benyamin Faraji, has advanced 33 places after a remarkable performance in the Asian

competitions, putting him at 177th place. Additionally, Iranian female table tennis player

Shima Safaei has advanced 74 places, now standing at 385th place.

Meanwhile, IRNA report-

ed that Iran has voiced support for Palestine at a meeting of the Asian Table Tennis Confederation,

which was held at the end of the 27th edition of the continentwide championships.

Mehrdad Ali-Qardashi, head of Iran's Table Tennis Federation voiced strong support for Palestine at the meeting which was also attended by Petra Sörling, the president of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), among others.

Ali-Qardashi strongly condemned Israel for its crimes against people of Gaza and Lebanon, and called for Israel's withdrawal from international sports federations.

He also held a separate meeting with Radwan Al-Sharif, president of the Palestine Table Tennis Federation, saying that Iran and Palestine are two brotherly countries.

The 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships were held in Astana, Kazakhstan on October 6-13.

Firouzpour favorite to grab gold in U-23 World Competitions

Amir Hossein Firouzpour will be in Tirana, Albania for his third U-23 World Championships. The Iranian freestyler won bronze in 2021 and gold in 2022. Firouzpour will be the favorite for the gold with Mustafagadzhi Malachdibirov (AIN) offering competition, wrote Tasnim News Agency.

Malachdibirov won the gold medal at the U-20 World Championships this year.

The U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2024 will be held in Tirana, Albania from October 21 to 27.

The tournament will bring more than 600 wrestlers together.



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Esteghlal-Al Nassr to be held in Dubai's Rashid Stadium



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A Football match between Esteghlal of Iran and Saudi Arabia's Al Naasr will be held in Dubai's Rashid Stadium.

The match was moved from its original venue in Tehran due to security concerns, reported Tasnim News Agency.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) had informed Esteghlal to find a neutral ground for its AFC Champions League Elite match against Saudi Pro League side Al Nassr.

Al Nassr and Esteghlal sit fourth and fifth respectively in the 12-team table.

The 2024-25 AFC Champions League Elite (ACL Elite) is the 43rd edition of Asia's premier club football tournament, organized by the Asian

Football Confederation, and the first since it was rebranded as the AFC Champions League Elite.

The revamped format, along with the rebranding, sees 24 teams playing eight games against different opponents in the brand-new league phase.

The final stage will be played in Saudi Arabia from April 25 to May 4, 2025.

The tournament winner will qualify for the 2025 FIFA Intercontinental Cup and FIFA Club World Cup. Additionally, the winner will enter the league stage of the 2025-26 AFC Champions League Elite, if they have not already qualified through domestic performance.

Guardiola has 'not ruled out' taking over England

Man City's Pep Guardiola has not ruled out becoming the next manager of England as Lee Carsley's time as interim head coach of the Three Lions is set to come to an end. The position has been vacant since Gareth Southgate left the role during the summer following England's defeat to Spain in the final of Euro 2024, which allowed the FA to hand the job over to Carsley temporarily for the UEFA Nations League campaign. The 50-year-old's time overseeing the England national team is set to come to an end in November and ahead of the Three Lions' 3-1 win over

Finland on Sunday, it was reported by The Telegraph that Carsley does not want to coach the national team long-term.

The former Everton star has directly informed the FA of his wishes and hinted as such during his press conference ahead of the Finland match. "I don't see this as an audition. I have got three more games left," the former Everton star told the press via The Telegraph.

This will require the FA to find a new coach ahead of 2025 and Man City's Pep Guardiola would be their dream, although he won't be available

until the end of the current campaign.

Guardiola's contract with Man City expires at the end of the 2024/25 campaign and it remains unclear if he will sign a new deal.

Speaking about this to Che Tempo Che Fa, the Spanish coach said via Fabrizio Romano: "Let's see on my future. With the 2026 World Cup being the next major tournament for England, the role of manager could excite Guardiola as it will also give him a break from the day-to-day of club football. The Spanish coach did not rule that possibility out during his interview,

stating that nothing has been decided yet.

"It's not true. I'm Manchester City manager," Guardiola said via Fabrizio Romano when asked if the England job is his next role in football. "I've not decided anything, everything can happen. So, I don't know."

This would be an appointment that would have everyone associated with English football excited but it is clear that Guardiola is fully focused on his role as Man City manager at present.



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