

Iranian athletes win gold, silver at 2024 IFSC Youth Asian Championship

Iranian athlete Sarina Ghaffari won the gold medal at the 2024 International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) Youth Asian Championship in Jamshedpur, India.

Ghaffari secured gold in Boulder category at the 2024 edition of the Youth Asian Championship, IRNA reported on Saturday.

Sara Zarezadeh, another member of Iran's national team, reached fifth place in the final.

In this age group and category, climbers from Japan won second and third place.

Also, Mahdisa Hamidnezhad of Iran won a silver medal at the IFSC Youth Asian Championships Jamshedpur 2024.

She came second in the youth female boulder division with 2 tops and 3 zones each in positions 4 and 9.

Japanese climber Saaya Ishikuro claimed the gold medal and her compatriot Miu Ito seized the bronze.

Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) is hosting Asia's biggest sport climbing championship, IFSC Asian Youth Sport Climbing Championship 2024 at the TSAF Sport Climbing Academy, JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur from November 14 to 17.

The event is organized in association with the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) Asia Council and the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF). The event witnesses the participation of 184 athletes from 13 countries. TSAF has successfully hosted two IFSC Sport Climbing Championships in Jamshedpur in 2022 and 2023. Asian Kids Sport Climbing Championship 2022 and 2023, which featured over 100 athletes from 11 countries in each edition. The events were organized by TSAF in association with the IFSC Asia Council and the IMF at the same venue.

The 2024 IFSC Youth Asian Championship features some of the best young climbers from the Asian region competing in the disciplines of lead climbing, bouldering, and speed climbing.

The IFSC Youth Asian Championships are held annually in various countries across Asia, showcasing the best young climbers from the region. The event not only provides a platform for climbers to demonstrate their skills and talent, but also serves as a stepping stone for many to advance in the sport and potentially qualify for the IFSC Youth World Championships.



• IRNA

Iran's women football team to play Jordan



• TASNIM

Iran's women football team will play two friendly matches with Jordan in Amman.

Team Melli Banovan will hold a six-day training camp from November 21 to 26 in Tehran, wrote Tasnim News Agency on Saturday.

The team will travel to Amman, capital of Jordan on November 26.

Maryam Azmoun's team will meet Jordan on November 28 and December 1 in two friendly matches.

Azmoun has called up 24 players to the national team.

Iran's women football team has been active in international competitions, participating in various tournaments and friendlies. In recent years, the team has had

some notable results, including: In 2022, Iran's women's national team qualified for the FIFA Women's World Cup for the first time after finishing second in the AFC Women's Asian Cup. In 2019, Iran's women's national team won the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) Women's Championship for the first time, beating Jordan in the final.

LeBron James records career-best 4th straight triple-double

LeBron James is still doing things he's never done, at the age of 39.

On Friday, the Los Angeles Lakers superstar recorded a fourth straight triple-double for the first time of his career, posting 15 points, 16 rebounds and 12 assists in a 120-115 win over the San Antonio Spurs. The game was the Lakers' NBA Cup opener as they try to defend last year's trophy.

Four of those points put the game away, as James gave the Lakers a three-point lead with 25.1 seconds, left then made both free throws when the Spurs started fouling.

Yet Anthony Davis was the true star of the game, scoring 40 points with 12 rebounds in a superstar center matchup with Victor Wembanyama. The veteran shot 14-for-26 from the floor (including 2-of-4 on 3-pointers) and made 10-of-12 free throws. However, Wem-

banyama more than held his own, scoring 28 points with 14 rebounds.

The four triple-doubles this season give James 116 for his career. That gives him the fifth-most on the NBA's all-time list. However, James may not move up any higher as he's soon to turn 40 and says he won't play much longer.

Up next is Nikola Jokic with 136. Magic Johnson is third with 138. Oscar Robertson's

181 are second all-time. And Russell Westbrook tops the list with 199.

The most triple-doubles James has ever notched in a season is 18 during the 2017-18 campaign. Perhaps it's surprising that he didn't record any as a rookie in 2003-04. He got two of them during the following season. James also didn't get any triple-doubles in 2011-12 and recorded one in both the 2006-07 and 2013-14 seasons.



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Bagnaia on pole for Barcelona MotoGP, Martin fourth

Francesco Bagnaia took his third successive pole position, his sixth of the season, as he booked his place on Saturday at the head of the grid for this weekend's Barcelona MotoGP.

The Italian, who goes into the final weekend of the season 24 points behind championship leader Jorge Martin, did all he could to lay the pressure on the Spaniard who will start on the second row in fourth, AFP wrote. "I'm very happy," said Ducati-Lenovo rider Bagnaia. "We

managed to do a very good job. It wasn't easy because the conditions were very tricky and a bit risky but everything went well." Bagnaia clocked one minute and 38.641 seconds, just 0.055sec ahead of Aprilia's Aleix Espargaro, taking part in his 255th and final race before retiring.

Marc Marquez, of the Ducati satellite team Gresini, was third quickest, nudging Martin off the front row.

The race was due to take place in Valencia but had to be moved

after the region suffered its worst floods in a generation which have killed more than 220 people. The race was switched to the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya and has been dubbed the Solidarity GP to show support for the people of Valencia.



Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia (R) takes his sixth pole of the season in Barcelona on November 16, 2024.

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