

FIBA Women's Asia Cup Div. B qualifiers:

Iran beats Jordan to progress

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Iranian women's basketball team defeated Jordan 88-70 to make a clean sweep of double victories in Group A of the FIBA Women's Asia Cup Div. B – WABA Qualification Tournament in Amman and progress to the second tier of the competition.

Four Iranian girls finished in double figures on Thursday, with 20-year-old center Mahla Abedi registering a double-double for Greek coach Eleni Kapogianni's side with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Negin Rasoulipour and Roxy Barahman chipped in 19 points apiece – including four 3-pointers between them – while Farnaz Khodamoradi dropped 16 points

in 31 minutes on the court. Jordanian guard Aisha Sheppard scored a game-high 24 points, with Janset Yaltchen adding 13 for the host, which had beaten Syria 86-75 on the preceding night. Iran dominated the first quarter for a 10-point lead (23-13) and went on to establish a 43-32 advantage at halftime. Kapogianni's girls had opened their campaign with 65-55 win against Syria on Tuesday. Barahman, who plays for French club Tarbes Gespe Bigorre, was the star of the show for Iran in the first-day victory, chipping in a game-high 25 points – including five 3-pointers – and seven rebounds, with Delaram Vakili dropping 14 points, 12 of which came from behind the arc.



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Asian U18 Athletics Championships:

Iran's Shahpari shatters national record to win 3000m bronze

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The third day of the Asian U18 Athletics Championships saw Iranian girl Samia Shahpari bag a second bronze medal for the country in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Representing the country in the women's 3000m final on Thursday, Shahpari clocked 10:09.07 minutes, breaking the national junior and cadet records, to finish behind Uzbekistan's Anastasiya

Silchenkova and Suolang Zhuoma of China.

Silchenkova also registered a personal-best record with 9:45.17 minutes, while Zhuoma crossed the finish line in 10:00.44 minutes.

Amirreza Ahanin-Maram had bagged a first medal for Iran in the Saudi coastal city, when he grabbed a bronze in the boys' hammer throw event on Day 1 of the competitions.

The Iranian began the final showpiece with a 67.74m

effort, and then went on to register 69.88m, before his final attempt of 70.83m saw Ahanin-Maram finish on the third podium. The host's Mohammed Siraj Alzayer walked away with the gold medal thanks to a 79.11m attempt, with Chinese Wang Ankang settling for the silver with 74.81m.

Elsewhere on Thursday, Kiarash Kaboli missed out on the men's shot put podium, finishing fourth with a best attempt of 18.26m, with his

compatriot Arman Amini settling for the sixth place in the category with 17.8m.

China's Han Qigeng walked away with the men's shot put gold – thanks to a new Asian U18 record of 20.23m with his fifth throw – followed by Indian Nishchay (19.59m) and Singapore's Anson Loh (18.59m).

Meanwhile, Iranian sprinter failed to progress to the men's 200m final after clocking 22.67 seconds in the semifinals.

Central Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships:

Iranian girls edge out Kazakhstan in opener

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Iranian under-19 women's team got off to a flying start at the Central Asian Table Tennis Youth Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan, beating the host 3-2 in the Group 1 opener on Friday.

Setayesh Iloukhani suffered a 3-2 loss to Kazakhstan's Viktoriya Mochalkina, before Vania Yavari leveled the

scoreline at 1-1, thanks to a 3-1 win against Albina Zhaxylkova.

Noila Khaniyazova came out victorious (3-1) against Fatiemeh Yazdanpanah to restore the lead for the host, but Iran bounced back again through Iloukhani, who beat Zhaxylkova in straight games.

Yavari rose up to the occasion in the decisive contest, defeating Viktoriya Mochalkina 3-0

to seal a first win for Iran in the group – also featuring Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

The Iranian girls will take on Uzbekistan today and then finish their campaign against Kyrgyzstan on Sunday.

The competition also serves as the qualification event for the 29th Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships – starting June 26 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.



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Amorim uses treble as 'inspiration' for crazy Lyon comeback

THE GUARDIAN – After Manchester United scored three times in the last seven minutes of extra time to knock Lyon out and progress to a Europa League semi-final versus Athletic Bilbao, Ruben Amorim stated he had drawn on the 1999 Champions League final triumph over Bayern Munich. Losing 1-0 going into added time goals from Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjær claimed European glory for United 26 years ago.

Amorim said: "I was watching the 1999 [Treble] documentary to have some inspiration for these moments. It was a great night, the team were tired, 4-2 with one more player, we think it's over, but here it's never over. Here everything is possible, you feel the environment. At 4-3, after the Bruno Fernandes penalty, we felt we could change the game."

Harry Maguire scored the winner 34 seconds into the 121st minute after Kobbie Mainoo had made it

4-4 on the night, 6-6 on aggregate. At the break United were 2-0 up in the leg after goals from Manuel Ugarte and Diogo Dalot and cruising through 4-2 on aggregate before strikes from Corentin Tolisso and Nicolás Tagliafico in regulation time took the tie into the added 30 minutes. Rayan Cherki (on 104 minutes) and Alexandre Lacazette's penalty (109) put Lyon two ahead. Maguire, like Mainoo, was pressed into service as an auxiliary No 9 as United sought salvation. "We tried

to put Harry Maguire up front because he is the only one who can score a goal with a header. Kobbie Mainoo has a lack of pace in this moment because of injury, but he's really good in short spaces," said Amorim.

"The sound of the two last goals were amazing. It is something we can keep for the future. But in the end you go to the semi-finals but you need to win it. We just need to focus on the next stage and try and win the competition."