

Leader Receives Student Volleyball Team



TEHRAN – The Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei received the student volleyball team that recently won the world championships in Serbia for a meeting on Wednesday.

Iran claimed the title of the International Students Federation (ISF) World School Volleyball Championship Sunday night.

The Iranian boys claimed the title after gaining seven victories in a row. The Persians swept past Germany 3-0 (25-21, 25-18, 26-24) in the final match, held in Belgrade, capital of Serbia.

Iran had previously defeated Germany in Pool D as well as Belgium and Uganda.

Iran also defeated Chinese Taipei in the semifinals before beating Germany once again in the final match.

Iran 5th at 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Men's Asia/Oceania Cup



TEHRAN – Iran finished in fifth place at the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey Men's Asia/Oceania Cup. Iran lost to Uzbekistan 19-0, Thailand 23-0, and defeated Malaysia 11-0, Kuwait 25-1 and

India 14-2 in the tournament. The competition was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from April 23 to 30. Iran had finished sixth in the previous edition.

Vinicius Jr's Double Earns Real Madrid 2-2 Draw at Bayern in Thriller

MUNICH(Reuters) - Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr scored twice, including a late penalty, to snatch a 2-2 draw at Bayern Munich in an entertaining Champions League semifinal, first leg on Tuesday, leaving the tie wide open.

The Brazilian, who put Real in front after 24 minutes, has now scored in the semi-finals for a third successive season.

Bayern, with only the Champions League title left to fight for, had scored twice in four minutes early in the second half through a Leroy Sane strike and Harry Kane penalty to turn the game around before Vinicius' spot kick.

"We always want to win but we know that this competition is like that, you can't give away balls because teams score the chances they have," Vinicius Jr said.

"We have to keep our heads



Bayern's Kim Min-jae (left) challenges for the ball with Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior during the Champions League semifinal first leg soccer match between Bayern Munich and Real Madrid at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany, April 30, 2024.

calm, rest until next week and we know that we and the fans are going to leave everything at the Santiago Bernabeu to qualify."

"Now it's time for a magical

night at home to win and secure our place in the final," he added.

Facing each other for a record eighth time at this stage of the competition, it was Bayern who

got off to a strong start, racking up half a dozen attempts on goal by the 15th minute with Sane and Kane coming close.

Real needed only one chance to score though, stunning the home crowd against the run of play when Kroos sliced open the Bayern defense with a through ball and Vinicius Jr chased it down to beat goalkeeper Manuel Neuer.

Kroos almost added another himself in the 51st but his curled shot was palmed wide by Neuer. Instead, it was Bayern who scored two minutes later with a solo effort and shot from Sane that eluded goalkeeper Andriy Lunin for a deserved equaliser.

Their comeback was complete in the 57th when Jamal Musiala was brought down in the area by Lucas Vazquez and Kane sent Lunin the wrong way from the spot to put the home side ahead.

Brazilian Swimmer Fratus, Feted for Tokyo Bronze Joy, to Miss Paris



(Reuters) - Brazilian swimmer Bruno Fratus, whose jubilation at winning a freestyle bronze medal went viral at the Tokyo Olympics, has opted out of the Paris Games after a long battle with injuries.

Fratus at 32 became the oldest swimmer to claim a first Olympic medal when he finished third in the 50 meters freestyle won by American Caeleb Dressel at Tokyo.

Pumping his fists in the pool wildly and sharing a passionate, Fratus's celebrations lit up the delayed Games where crowds were banned due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A veteran of three Olympics, Fratus said that after four surgeries in the last 18 months it was impossible for him to be competitive

for Paris and he had decided to pull out of Olympic trials next week.

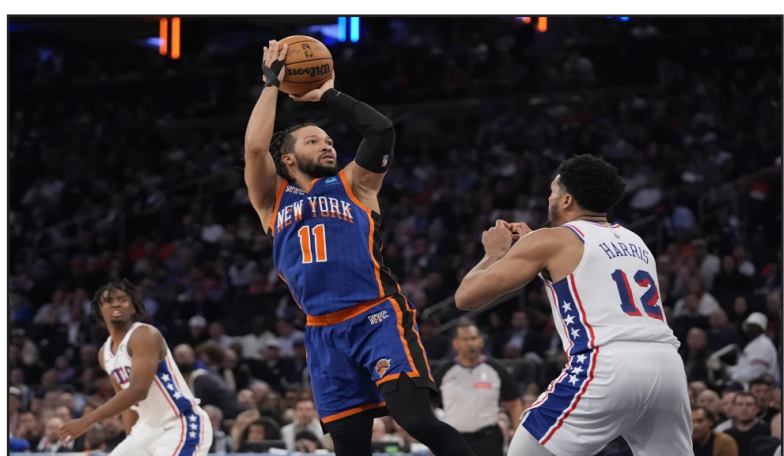
"After three Olympics, it wouldn't make sense to go to Paris, wear the Brazilian uniform, without the full conviction that I'm in a position to fight for the race," he said on social media.

"Even though it hurts me – a lot – not to be able to be there, I will be here cheering as always for everyone who will be there competing and representing our country."

The 34-year-old, a four-times medallist at world championships, had major knee surgery in February.

He said pulling out of Paris did not mean the end of his swimming career but only a "brief hiatus".

Sixers Stun Knicks to Keep Play-Off Hopes Alive



New York Knicks' Jalen Brunson (11) shoots over Philadelphia 76ers' Tobias Harris (12) during the second half of Game 5 in an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in New York.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tyrese Maxey saved Philadelphia from elimination with seven points in the final 25 seconds of regulation finished with 46 and led the 76ers to a 112-106 overtime victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series.

The 76ers trailed by six points with 28 seconds left in regulation before Maxey pulled out a comeback that evoked memories of Reggie Miller's eight points in nine seconds for Indiana at Madison Square Garden in 1995.

The All-Star guard converted a four-point play with 25 seconds remaining to cut it to two, and after Josh Hart's free throw, pulled up from 35 feet to tie it at 97 with 8.1 seconds left in front of a stunned

crowd that was set to celebrate the Knicks' second straight trip to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Joel Embiid finished with 19 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for the 76ers, who will host Game 6 on Thursday night.

In the other Eastern Conference game, Donovan Mitchell sunk 28 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, as the Cleveland Cavaliers edged Orlando Magic 104-103 to take a 3-2 lead.

The Magic had fought back from 2-0 down to level the series after recording emphatic wins in games three and four in Florida, but the Cavaliers' win ensures they will have the chance to clinch the series in Orlando in game six on Friday.

Knighton Sets His Own Pace for Success Ahead of Olympic Trials

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The best is yet to come for American Erriyon Knighton, with the young sprinter telling media he had far from reached his full potential ahead of the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

The 20-year-old has had enormous expectations on his shoulders after breaking retired great Usain Bolt's junior records in the 200 meters and becoming the youngest individual sprint medallist at the worlds with bronze two years ago.

The Red Bull athlete upgraded to silver in his signature event at the worlds in Budapest last year and is ready to run on his own terms with the Paris Games in his sights.

"Until I get old ... there's still going to be (comments) like, 'the young phenom' or 'I did this at this age'," he said. "They were expecting me to break the world record



- World Athletics Championship - Men's 200m Final - National Athletics Centre, Budapest, Hungary - August 25, 2023 Noah Lyles of the U.S. reacts after winning the men's 200m final with second placed Erriyon Knighton of the U.S.

when I was like 19, 20 years old. But in reality it's just not like that."

The early success came with oversized expectations: fans and arm-chair experts wanted more, eager to see Knighton achieve Bolt's

unrealized dream of breaking 19 seconds in the 200, with relentless comparisons to the Jamaican superstar.

But the Tampa native has no issue with taking his time.

Nadal Bids Farewell to Madrid After Defeat by Lehecka

MADRID (Reuters) - Twenty-two time Grand Slam champion Rafa Nadal fell 7-5 6-4 to Czech Jiri Lehecka in the fourth round of the Madrid Open on Tuesday, marking his final appearance at a tournament he has won five times.

In just over two hours, a feisty Lehecka thwarted Nadal's hopes of reaching his 100th Masters 1000 quarter-final after a fairytale run in only his second tournament since January as the Spaniard struggled with injury.

Nadal has said he expects to retire after the 2024 season.

With the score level at 5-5 in the first set, 30th seed Lehecka broke serve and then held his



Spain's Rafael Nadal gestures after losing against Czech Republic's Jiri Lehecka during the 2024 ATP Tour Madrid Open tournament round of 16 tennis match at Caja Magica in Madrid on April 30, 2024.

own to take the lead.

Breaking again in the first game of the second set, the 22-year-old secured the win

to reach the quarter-finals, where he will face Russian third seed Daniil Medvedev on Thursday.