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Iran wins taekwondo World Cup gold, collects four poomsae medals

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Iran collected five medals, including men's team gold, at the 2019 WT World Cup Team & Poomsae Championships in Wuxi, China. Representing Iran, Islamic Azad University's five-man team, comprising Hossein Lotfi, Amir-Mohammad Bakshi, Sina Bahrami, Erfan Nazemi and Saied Rajabi, overcame South Korea 71-66 in the final on Saturday to lift the trophy. Russia and China 1, which was beaten by Iran in the semifinal, settled for the joint-bronze medals. Before the World Cup Team competitions got underway, Iran's Seydeh Masoumeh Hosseini grabbed the women's under-40 gold medal in poomsae contests, followed by

American Kathy Do and Wen-yi Chen of Chinese Taipei. Hosseini's second triumph came in the over-30 pair category, where she teamed up with Sina Zezel-Ahmad for the gold medal. USA and Canada grabbed the silver and bronze of the division respectively. Zezel-Ahmad took his personal tally to two with a men's under-40 silver, following Justin Wang of the US. The duo of Yasaman Farrokhi and Mohammad-Mehdi Karami finished their campaign with a junior pair bronze, alongside Chinese Taipei. Thailand took the gold of the division, with Vietnam finishing runner-up. More than 380 athletes took part in the three-day event in the Chinese city on August 23-25.

Ruiz wants to 'end' Joshua's career in rematch

Unified world heavyweight champion Andy Ruiz Jr. said he wants to finish Anthony Joshua's career after confirming he will contest a rematch in Saudi Arabia. United States-born Mexican Ruiz, 29, shocked Britain's Joshua in New York in June to win the WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO world titles, BBC Sport reported. They are set to meet again in the Middle East on December 7. "I took it to AJ in the Big Apple and I'm looking forward to ending his career in the desert," said Ruiz. The fight was announced by 29-year-old Joshua's camp earlier in August, but Ruiz had not confirmed his participation. But on Saturday he posted on social media, "I'm excited to announce my rematch with Anthony Joshua. "In the first fight I made history and became the first ever Mexican/American heavyweight champion of the world."



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Human rights campaigners have questioned the choice of venue, citing Saudi Arabia's human rights record. Amnesty International has said the move provides "opportunity for the Saudi authorities to try to 'sportswash' their severely tarnished image."

Abraham scores twice for Chelsea's first league win

Tammy Abraham repaid manager Frank Lampard's faith in youth as his two goals against Norwich helped Chelsea to its first win of the season. In a frantic start, Abraham opened the scoring inside three minutes for the Blues, whose starting lineup had an average age of 24 years and 208 days - their youngest in the Premier League since February 1994. But Norwich equalized just 156 seconds later, Todd Cantwell finishing from close range from a Teemu Pukki cross.



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Tammy Abraham celebrates with teammates after scoring Chelsea's third goal in a 3-2 victory over Norwich City at Carrow Road in Norwich, Britain, on August 24, 2019.

Mason Mount restored the Blues' lead midway through the first half with his second goal of the season, but the sea is unbeaten against Norwich in 16 meetings.

Iran beats Colombia in U19 world volleyball meet

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Iran overcame Colombia 3-1 at the 2019 FIVB Boys' U19 World Championships in Tunis, Tunisia. Having lost the first set 25-27, Iranians bounced back to win the next three sets 25-21, 25-17 and 25-13 for their second victory in the competition. Bardia Sa'adat chipped in 22 points to top the scoring chart for Iran, followed by Mehran Feyz-Emamdoust who had 11. Jharold Caicedo had the best tally of the night for the South Americans with 17 points with Ronnie S. Galvis also scoring in double figures (13pts). The victory secured Iran's third-place in Pool B, behind Italy and the Czech Republic. Iran had beaten Bulgaria 3-1 in its opener before a straight-set defeat at the hands of the Czech Republic. Iran plays Italy today in its final



Iran's Mehdi Taremi (R) hits a spike against Colombia at the 2019 FIVB Boys' U19 World Championships in Tunis, Tunisia, on August 24, 2019.

game of the group stage. The top four teams of each of the five groups will head into the last-16 round, starting on Monday.

Nadal, Federer, Djokovic remain ones to beat at US Open

While a host of young rivals hope to disrupt the dominance of the "Big Three" in men's tennis, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer remain the US Open favorites. The year's final Grand Slam showdown starts Monday on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts with top-ranked Djokovic, 20-time Grand Slam champion Federer and Spanish superstar Nadal having combined to win the past 11 Grand Slam titles, AFP reported.

Federer, 38, doesn't see a problem with the dominance by the sport's elder statesmen, who together own 54 of the past 65 Slam titles. "I don't think it's a problem, per se," Federer said. "Now that Novak, Rafa and I are healthy again, Andy (Murray) also slowly coming back again, has made it much harder for young guys to come through. "They are definitely knocking on the door big-time now. I think that's very encouraging for those who want to see somebody else win. I think also Novak's domination, Rafa's domination is also not normal for the game of tennis. "I think there's going to be chances moving forward, but it's not surprising with the type of tennis they've been playing in recent years." Third-seeded Federer also throws in a chance for Swiss compatriot Stan Wawrinka, who like Britain's injured Murray has won three Slam crowns during the "Big Three" reign, but figures a familiar face will be lifting the US Open trophy. "Yeah, it seems like the same guys are the favorites again this time around," Federer said. "It will be a surprise if anybody else won." Defending champion Djokovic, seeking a 17th career Grand Slam title, has won four of the past five Slams, denied only by Nadal's French Open win in June. The 32-year-old Serbian says he has adjusted to the extra pressure of defending over the years. "It's a paramount challenge to defend a Grand Slam title," he said. "These are the tournaments you want to win the most. This is where you want to shine." Nadal, 33, has made an impressive run with titles at Rome, the French Open and Montreal and a Wimbledon semifinal loss to Federer. "Arrive to the big events with good feelings helps," Nadal said. "Positive feeling, positive memory on my mind. That helps for the confidence. "For the moment I am feeling well. I am practicing well during the whole week. Now remain a couple of

days to just push a little bit more and try to start the tournament in a good way." Second-ranked Nadal, an 18-time Grand Slam winner who took his 12th French Open title in June, isn't too excited over Federer and Djokovic both being in the opposite half of the draw. "I have to win my matches to have an advantage because I only can meet them in the semifinals," Nadal said. Them lost to Nadal in the Roland Garros final and will be a threat. "Every year he's improving," Nadal said. "Every day he's very solid and every year is more solid. "He has everything to win important events. He already is winning important events. He's a very, very hard worker. Just a question of time that he achieve all his goals." Germany's sixth-ranked Alexander Zverev warns not to ignore other



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"I have plenty of work before that to know if I have an advantage or not."

Medvedev, Thiem surging

Russia's Daniil Medvedev has enjoyed a stellar US Open run-up with a win at Cincinnati and runner-up efforts at Washington and Montreal. "I don't consider myself as one of the favorites just because at this moment of my career I haven't even been in a quarterfinal of a Slam," Medvedev said. "If I get to the quarterfinal, it's going to be already a step forward and I'm going to be really happy about it. "When I play my best tennis I can beat basically everybody and that's what I need to keep doing here." Austrian fourth seed Dominic

lower seeds such as Japan's seventh-seeded Kei Nishikori, the 2014 US Open runner-up, and Greece's eighth-ranked Stefanos Tsitsipas. "There are a few guys that have a real shot to win it," Zverev said. "Obviously the 'Big Three' we don't need to talk about. Of course, Novak is the big favorite, no question about it, but there are other guys that have been playing great tennis. I think those guys will be able to do some damage." Federer, however, wouldn't mind stretching his lead over Djokovic and Nadal in the men's all-time Grand Slam title race. "I'm not putting extra pressure on myself. I know it's going to be tough," Federer said. "I feel like I'm part of that group who can do it."