

Pakistan beat India in U18 Volleyball

Pakistan, Iran, China, and Australia secure wins in 15th Asian Men's U18 Volleyball Championship

● **Pakistan secures 3-0 victory with scores of 25-20, 29-27, and 25-15**

● **Local Pakistani community in Bahrain gather to support team**

● **Bahrain's international referee Ahmed Abdel Aal officiates match**

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Pakistan secured a convincing 3-0 victory over arch-rival India in the 15th Asian Men's U18 Volleyball Championship on Monday, boosting their chances of advancing to the next round of the tournament.

The Pakistani team dominated the match, winning three straight sets with scores of 25-20, 29-27, and 25-15. This victory, their second consecutive win in the championship, propelled Pakistan to the top of Group D with 5 points.

Mohamed Yahya emerged as the star player for Pakistan, con-



Action from Pakistan's match against India

tributing 18 points and proving instrumental in securing the win. The match, held in Bahrain, drew a significant crowd from the local Pakistani community.

India, now left with 3 points, faces a crucial match against South Korea in their final pre-

liminary round game. The outcome of this match will determine India's fate in the tournament.

Australia Disrupts Group A

In Group A, Australia claimed an essential victory over Hong

Kong, shaking up the standings and keeping all teams in the hunt for quarter-final spots.

The match concluded with scores of 25-19, 26-24, 23-25, and 28-26, despite numerous errors by the Australian team. Vimataho led the Australian effort, scoring 24 points, highlighting his critical role in the win.

Japan Dominates Saudi Arabia

Japan, often dubbed the "Japanese Computer," effortlessly defeated Saudi Arabia in straight sets, with scores of 25-20, 25-18, and 25-14.

This victory secures Japan's qualification alongside Chinese Taipei into the quarter-finals from Group B. Player Iwata emerged as the top scorer for Japan, achieving 11 points, outshining teammates Masjedi and Maeda, who each scored 10 points.

Japan's strategic play and strong defensive performance left Saudi Arabia struggling to keep up, particularly in the later rounds.

Iran Qualifies with a Win Over the Philippines

Iran announced its advancement to the quarter-finals with a sweeping victory over the Phil-



Action from Australia's match against Hong Kong

ippines, finishing with scores of 25-14, 25-20, and 27-25.

The match displayed Iran's offensive strength and strategic play, particularly in the first set.

Despite the Philippines' improved performance in the subsequent sets, Iran maintained control.

Amir Naderi stood out as a key player, scoring 14 points alongside Filipino standout Muktan-gai, marking the second consecutive match where both players excelled.

China Overpowers Lebanon

China continued its dominant performance by defeating Lebanon in straight sets, 25-15, 25-13, and 25-21, solidifying their position at the top of Group C.

The Chinese team displayed an exceptional offensive and defensive performance, overcoming Lebanon with ease in the first two sets.

Despite Lebanon's efforts to regain momentum in the third set, China's strategic changes and consistent play ensured their victory.

Chinese player Yu Jiang scored 15 points, slightly ahead of teammate Li Jioyang with 14 points, and Lebanon's Sergey,

who managed 11 points.

Chinese Taipei Outlasts Kazakhstan

Chinese Taipei edged out Kazakhstan in a thrilling five-set match, winning 22-25, 25-23, 25-17, 15-25, and 15-11.

This win brings Chinese Taipei closer to quarter-final qualification.

The match was marked by intense competition and strategic plays from both sides.

Chinese Taipei's agile defense and effective counterattacks ultimately secured their victory.

The President of the Bahrain Volleyball Association, Shaikh Ali bin Mohamed Ali Al Khalifa, the Chinese Taipei Ambassador to Bahrain, Bob Gan, and members of the Federation's Board of Directors attended the match.

Ahmed Abdel Aal's Role in Tournament Officiating

Bahrain's international referee Ahmed Abdel Aal officiated the match between Lebanon and China.

Previously, he also served as the second referee for the opening day clash between Korea and Pakistan, which ended in a tiebreaker.



Action from Japan vs Saudi Arabia



Players of Iran and Philippines during their match

Peaty positive for Covid after winning Olympic silver

AFP | Paris

Adam Peaty tested positive for Covid at the Paris Olympics yesterday, the British team said, a day after winning silver in the 100m breaststroke despite apparently feeling under the weather.

The decorated 29-year-old

"is hopeful to be back in competition for the relay events later in the swimming programme", according to a Team GB statement.

"Adam Peaty began feeling unwell on Sunday, ahead of his men's 100m breaststroke final," it said.

Sainz signs two-year deal to race for Williams amid 'complex' F1 driver market

AFP | London

Carlos Sainz announced yesterday that he had signed a two-year deal to race for Williams starting from the 2025 season amid what he said was an "exceptionally complex" market for Formula One drivers.

The 29-year-old Spaniard will leave Ferrari at the end of

the 2024 campaign after seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton was announced as his replacement at the Italian giants earlier this year.

Sainz has won three F1 races so far in his career, the most recent at the Australian Grand Prix in March.

Having previously driven for Toro Rosso, Renault and McLaren, Sainz had been linked with



Carlos Sainz reacts after a race

several teams for the 2025 season including Alpine, Sauber and Mercedes.

But yesterday it was confirmed he had agreed an initial two-year deal at Williams, with an option to extend.

"I am very happy to announce that I will be joining Williams Racing from 2025 onwards," Sainz said in a team statement.

Shaikha Hessa bint Khalid celebrates landmark women's representation at Paris Olympics

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Shaikha Hessa bint Khalid Al Khalifa, Member of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Olympic Committee and Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Committee, expressed immense pride in the exceptional representation of Bahraini women at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

For the first time, Bahrain's Olympic team comprises an



Shaikha Hessa bint Khalid Al Khalifa

equal number of male and female athletes, with eight out of

14 participants being women. This landmark achievement speaks to the progress of gender equality within Bahraini sports.

Shaikha Hessa attributed this success to the relentless efforts of the Olympic Committee, under the leadership of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. She emphasized that these efforts have already yielded significant results, with Bahraini women securing four Olympic medals, including two golds and two silvers. The sup-

port and guidance of His Highness Sheikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Olympic Committee and head of the delegation, were also lauded.

"I am honored and proud of Team Bahrain's athletes who have qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This moment is the culmination of years of effort, training, and dedication. I am confident that you will give your best at this global sporting event," Shaikha Hessa stated.

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