



Gerbekov falls to Albayrak in intense 81kg elimination golden score match

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In a Men's 81 kg elimination match at the judo championship, Turkish judoka Vedat Albayrak emerged successful against Askerbii Gerbekov of Bahrain.

The contest, which took place during the Round of 32, saw Albayrak win by an ippon in the Golden Score period, concluding the bout at 4:49 with a final score of 10-0.

The match extended into the Golden Score after both competitors failed to secure a decisive point within the initial regulation time. Gerbekov, struggling with penalties, was issued three shidos—two for false attacks and one for non-combativity. Albayrak capitalized on these opportunities, ultimately securing the win with an ippon.



Bahrain's Askerbii Gerbekov and Turkey's Vedat Albayrak (Blue) compete

Gerbekov's penalties began early, with his first shido for a false attack at 2:10 and a second at 4:49. His third penalty, a shido for non-combativity at 1:50, further hindered his performance.

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Impressive performances in men's 200m breaststroke heats

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The preliminary heats for the men's 200m breaststroke at the 2024 Paris Olympics have delivered exciting performances, setting the stage for an exciting final showdown.

In Heat 1, Bahraini swimmer Saud Ghalai came in third with a time of 2:22.51, 6.89 seconds behind leader Bernhard Tyler Christianson of Panama.

Ghalai's performance, though not among the top times, reflects the competitive spirit and potential of Bahrain's swimming talent.

As the heats conclude, the men's 200m breaststroke final promises to be a blockbuster event.



Bahraini swimmer Saud Ghalai in action

While Bahraini swimmer Saud Ghalai did not advance to the top ranks this time, his participation points to Bahrain's growing presence in competitive swimming.

Biles leads USA to gymnastics gold

Biles shines as USA reclaims Olympic gold as Olympic chiefs left to sweat

● USA beats Italy for gold; Brazil takes bronze in a thrilling gymnastics final

● Triathlon event postponed due to poor water quality in the Seine River

● Australia's McKeown roars back to retain 100m backstroke gold

AFP | Paris

Simone Biles won the fifth Olympic gold of her legendary career when she led the United States to a dominant victory in the women's gymnastics team final on Tuesday, as Paris organisers were left sweating on the pollution in the Seine.

On a sweltering day in the French capital, the hottest ticket in town was at the Bercy Arena where Biles was attempting to lay to rest the ghosts of Tokyo in 2021.

And the 27-year-old American, considered the greatest gymnast of all time, and her team did just that to add to her four gold medals at the 2016 Rio Games.

In swimming, Australia's Kaylee McKeown won gold in the women's 100m backstroke.

Three years after Biles battled a disorientating mental block at



Artistic gymnastics - Women's team: US' Simone Biles competes in the uneven bars event of the artistic gymnastics women's team final

the Tokyo Games, pulling out of the team final in which the United States settled for silver, she and teammates Jordan Chiles, Jade Carey and Sunisa Lee led wire-to-wire in reclaiming gold ahead of Italy, with Brazil taking bronze.

For Biles it marks a return to the Olympic summit after a two-year break as she focused on her mental health. Lee, the all-around champion in Tokyo, has since dealt with two career-threatening kidney ailments.

Once again the stars were out for Biles.

Serena Williams, Nicole Kidman and Microsoft founder Bill Gates were in attendance, as was Biles's husband, NFL player Jonathan Owens, in a T-shirt emblazoned with his wife's name and picture.

At the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Olympics Biles battled the disorientating mental block gymnasts call the "twisties".

She dramatically pulled out of

most of her events, but she still left the Japanese capital with a silver and a bronze, and won plaudits for opening up on her mental health.

Seine setback

Earlier, in a massive blow to Olympic organisers who have repeatedly vowed that the River Seine would be safe to swim in, Tuesday's men's triathlon race was called off hours before the start after last-minute water-quality tests.

A joint statement from Paris 2024 and World Triathlon blamed the spike in pollution levels on the heavy rain that drenched Paris on Friday and Saturday.

The men's triathlon has been rescheduled to Wednesday, immediately after the women's event, leaving Games chiefs keeping their fingers crossed.

Paris baked in temperatures reaching 35 degrees Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) on Tuesday in a challenge to athletes at outdoor competitions, but a major storm was forecast later in the day, raising serious doubts over whether Wednesday's rescheduled events could go ahead.

Heavy downpours still overwhelm the city's underground drains and sewage system, leading to untreated effluent being released into the waterway.

If water quality does not improve in time, the swimming leg of the event would be removed and the race converted to a duathlon.



Swimming - Women's 100m backstroke: Australia's Kaylee McKeown celebrates winning the final of the women's 100m backstroke swimming event



Shooting - 10m pistol mixed: India's Manu Bhaker during the 10m air pistol mixed team bronze medal match. She became the first Indian woman to win multiple medals at a single Olympic game

World Triathlon president Marisol Casado said she was hopeful the races could take place on Wednesday.

"We are all disappointed because we are not able to follow strictly what was planned," she told a press briefing.

Benjamin Maze, the technical director of the French Triathlon Federation, told FranceInfo radio there was "a bit of anger" among competitors who had risen early only to learn of the postponement.

"The athletes got up a bit before 4:00am, they were having breakfast when we received the information from the international federation," he said.

"Obviously there's a bit of anger and a lot of disappointment."

Coco Gauff, the world number two and one of Team USA's

flagbearers, crashed out of the tennis singles in a stormy defeat to Croatian Donna Vekic at a roasting Roland Garros.

Vekic won 7-6 (9/7), 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals after Gauff claimed she was "getting cheated" in an argument with the chair umpire over a line call in the sixth game of the second set.

The fallout continued from Friday's quirky opening ceremony, which was condemned by religious groups after a scene featuring drag queens that recalled depictions of the Last Supper.

Former US President Donald Trump became the latest to join the criticism.

"I'm very open-minded but I thought what they did was a disgrace," Trump told Fox News.



Canoe slalom: Comoros' Andy Barat competes in the men's kayak single-heats canoe slalom competition



Water polo: Dusan Mandic of Serbia makes a splash as he shoots the ball against Australia's Milos Maksimovic and Lachlan Edwards in the men's water polo