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Summary Profile

- Produced and directed the whole stories, interviews and documentaries of Iran national football team during the 2018 FIFA World Cup for HBS as the FIFA TV Producer
- Produced and directed football stories for "Pitch International LLP" who has the rights of FIFA's official weekly magazine show "FIFA Football"
- Produced and directed Iran's episode of feature story called "Generation Rise" for Madrid-based OBS (Olympic Broadcasting Services)
- Produced stories at 2012 UEFA Champions League Final (Munich, Germany), 2014 UEFA Europa League Final (Turin, Italy), 2014 UEFA Champions League Final (Lisbon, Portugal) and the whole 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil

Languages

- Farsi/ Persian: Mother-Tongue
- English: Fluent (written and spoken)



◆ With Manchester United legend and former Valencia head coach Gary Neville



◆ With former Manchester United defender Phil Neville



◆ With Brazilian and Real Madrid legend Roberto Carlos



◆ With Former Bayern Munich head coach Felix Magath



◆ With Former Arsenal head coach Arsene Wenger



FIFA TV
Producer at the
2018 FIFA
World Cup

The 2018 FIFA World Cup was the 21st FIFA World Cup, an international football tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of FIFA once every four years.



◆ Me after Iran's match against Spain at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia ◆ A photo of mine doing an interview with Iran head coach

I was contacted by HBS (Host Broadcast Services) to work as the FIFA TV Team Crew Producer (FTTC Producer) of Iran national football team. There were 32 FIFA TV Team Crew to cover every single detail of the 32 national football teams competing at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia. Each crew had three members: A producer, a cameraman and an assistant/driver who was a Russian national.

After a couple of days of workshops and trainings we started our job by covering the arrival of Team Iran who's based camp was in Moscow, Russia.



◆ My camera man and I at the pitch side prior to Iran's match against Morocco at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Saint Petersburg, Russia





◆ Doing the Blue Screen shooting with Iran national football team squad



◆ Doing the Blue Screen shooting with Iran national football team squad (Giving tips to Portuguese Coach Carlos Queiroz)



◆ Doing the Blue Screen shooting with Iran national football team squad (Talking with Sardar Azmoun)

After settling down at the base camp, we had shooting almost twice a day, covering the training sessions and flash interviews. We also had exclusive access to the team producing exclusive sit down interviews with the head coach and the players.

Every day we were supposed to make a story out of the latest update of the team (injuries, player's conditions, coach and technical staff thoughts, etc.).



◆ Doing the Blue Screen shooting with Iran national football team squad (Ashkan Dejagah)



◆ Doing the Blue Screen shooting with Iran national football team squad (Alireza Jahanbakhsh)



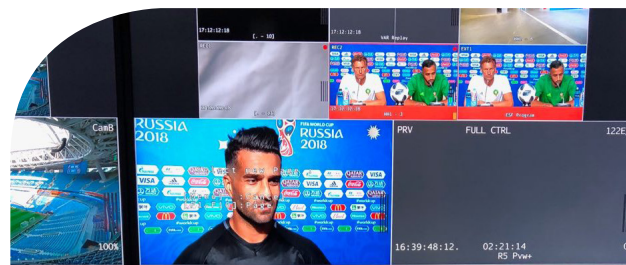
◆ Doing the Blue Screen shooting with Iran national football team squad (Karim Ansarifard)





◆ Me and my crew after the flight from Saransk to Moscow. Iran was eliminated from the 2018 FIFA World Cup after a 1-1 draw against Portugal in Saransk.

◆ Iran national football team bus ready to leave for the airport to fly to Saint Petersburg for the first match at the 2018 FIFA World Cup against Morocco



◆ Editing the post match flash interview and press conference of Iran vs. Morocco match at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Saint Petersburg, Russia.





◆ Sit Down Interview with Iran national team head coach Carlos Queiroz



◆ Preparing for a sit down interview with Iranian player Alireza Jahanbakhsh

◆ Sit down interview with Iran's national football team goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand



I was also responsible for editing the rushes and sending them immediately to the HBS center where other staff member were responsible for airing the show.

Prior to each match we were supposed to make a feature story about the team and their rivals. On the Match Days I was supposed to conduct numerous interviews with the coach and the players before and after the match. Each FIFA TV Team Crew was responsible doing the same procedure until their football team were out of the tournament.

Iran were eliminated from the tournament with four points. A 1-0 win against Morocco, 0-1 loss against Spain and a 1-1 draw in the final group stage match against Portugal.

It was my second World Cup after the 2014 in Brazil where Iran almost did the same and went out of the tournament at the end of the group stage.



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YouTube <https://youtu.be/JzLUBfRTNS8>



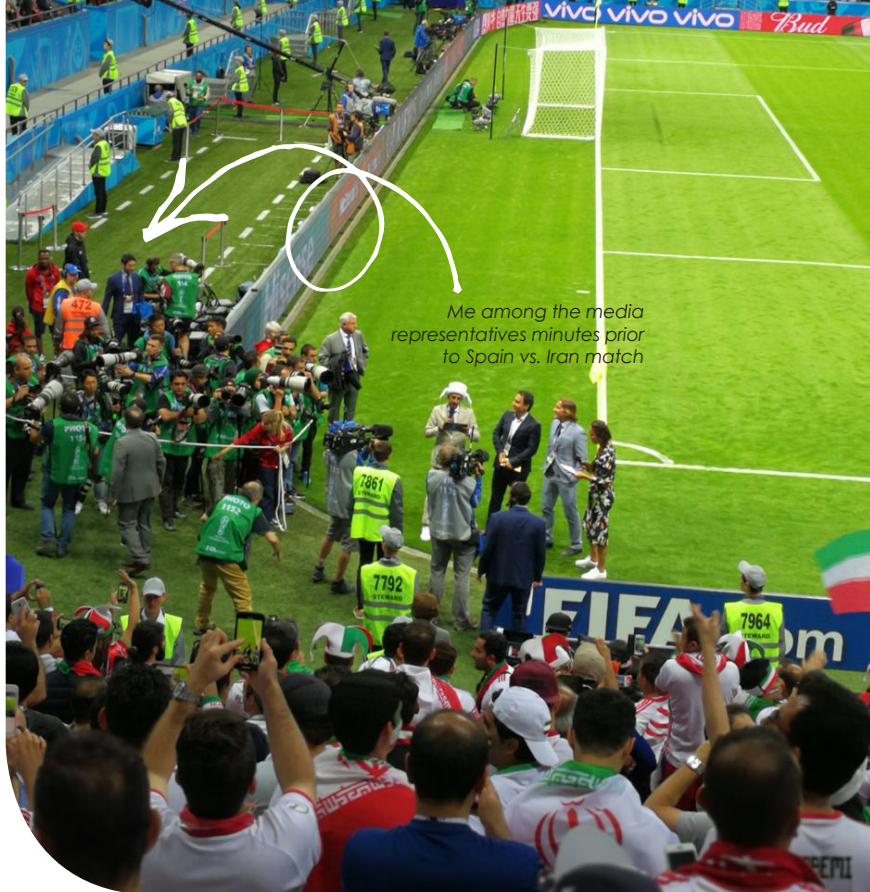
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◆ Doing an interview with Iranian player Roozbeh Cheshmi at the training prior to Iran's first match at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia against Morocco





◆ Sit Down Interview with Iran national team head coach Carlos Queiroz



◆ Getting ready for the post match flash interview with Iran head coach Carlos Queiroz





♦ A photo of mine doing an interview with Iran head coach posted on FIFA's official Instagram account @FIFAWORLDCUP



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♦ A photo of mine doing an interview with Iran head coach



After almost thirty years they are looking forward to qualifying for their second World Cup as they face Thailand and Vietnam in the AFC 2018 FIFA World Cup qualification.

The continued instability in the region means that the Lions of Mesopotamia (nickname of Iraq national football team) have to play away from their home country.

Despite the hardships Iraq is still considered a regional power after winning the 2007 Asian Cup.

I interviewed two of the main Iraqi players: Noor Sabri, the goalkeeper and the captain Younis Mahmoud. I also had a sit down interview with the head coach Yahya Alwan who resigned after the 2-2 draw against Thailand.

A 1-0 win against Vietnam thanks to a goal by Mohannad Abdul-Raheem sealed the progress of Iraq to the 3rd and final round of qualifiers.

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World Cup dreams alive for

Homeless Iraq

This time 'Pitch International' requested a feature about the Iraqi national team who were competing to qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup. Iraq's only World Cup appearance was at the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico where they were drawn in Group B with the hosts, Paraguay and Belgium. They were out of the tournament after three consecutive defeats and conceding four goals.



YouTube <https://youtu.be/ENfyDYhdePE>

◆ With Former Iraqi Football legend Younis Mahmoud just before shooting the interview





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◆ Screen Shot of the final cut



◆ Screen Shot of the final cut





UEFA
CHAMPIONS
LEAGUE

Freelance Producer of feature:

2012 UEFA

Champions League Final



The 2012 UEFA Champions League Final was a football match which took place on Saturday, 19 May 2012 between Bayern Munich of Germany and Chelsea of England at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany.



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◆ Me at the Bayern Munich football club beside the trophy cabinet of the Bavarians

It was the first Champions League final to be held at the Allianz Arena. As tenants of the Arena, this meant Bayern were the first finalists to have home advantage since 1984.

As a freelance producer I made a story of the whole big final doing interviews with the players and coaches. I also went to the Bayern Munich club main office on Säbener Straße to shoot the club museum, the training session and the fan shop.

The match was a real drama. Bayern took the lead late in the second half through Thomas Müller, but Didier Drogba equalised for Chelsea five minutes later to take the game into extra time. There was no goal scored in the extra time and finally Bayern Munich lost 4-3 on home soil on penalties to Chelsea.



◆ At the media stand of Olympiastadion Munich to cover the 2012 UEFA Women's Champions League Final between Lyon and FFC Frankfurt



Two days earlier I had gone to Olympiastadion in Munich to cover the 2012 UEFA Women's Champions League Final between French side Lyon and the German giants FFC Frankfurt. Lyon who played the final for the third consecutive year won the tournament, beating Frankfurt 2-0 to retain the trophy.

◆ The Champions League trophy in Munich



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Incredible passion of

Tehran derby

Since 'Pitch International' was totally satisfied with my previous story about Afghanistan football they asked me to produce a feature around the Tehran derby. Asia's highest profile derby is between two of Tehran's giants; Persepolis and Esteghlal. According to World Soccer Magazine, it is the 22nd most important derby in the world, a fact that fans of the red and blue halves of Iran vehemently dispute! Fans, players and coaching staff of both sides get very emotional in the days leading up to the big match and by match day they go into a frenzy.

◆ Shooting an interview with Persepolis defender Mohsen Bengar



◆ Producing the Tehran Derby story at Azadi Stadium with my Cameraman





◆ Producing Tehran Derby story at Azadi Stadium with Cameraman



There have been several instances of highly charged matches where fans and players get very physical and aggressive on and off the field. The two Tehran giants have followers right across Iran. It is common for thousands of fans to travel to Tehran from far distances and spend the night outside the stadium to gain access to the game as soon as the gates open. The 81st derby which took place on 30th October 2015 had taken a far more significant turn due to the sudden death of Perspolis's 30-year-old captain; Hadi Norouzi, due to heart failure during his sleep. It was widely believed the stress of early season's poor results caused his heart attack. Persepolis and their millions of fans across Iran mourned his passing for an entire week. They hoped they could post their third consecutive victory over Esteghlal in the last 14 months to dedicate it to the late Hadi Norouzi.

I managed to shoot both team's training sessions prior to the match as well as a sit down interview with Perspolis coach Branko Ivankovic.

I interviewed the 1970's Perspolis legend Hossein Kalani (derby top goal scorer for Persepolis with 6 goals) and also Mehdi Hasheminasab, one of the few players who played for both sides and scored in a derby. The match ended in a 1-1 draw as Perspolis Honduran striker Jerry Bengston scored in the 5th minute of the stoppage time to cancel out Jaber Ansari's 49th minute goal.

YouTube <https://youtube.com/killu86dp-go>



◆ Screenshot of the final cut



◆ Screenshot of the final cut



◆ Interviewed Perspolis veterans Hossein Kalani (L) and Mehdi Hasheminasab (R)



Freelance Producer of:
2014 UEFA
Europa League Final feature



The 2014 UEFA Europa League Final was the final match of the 2013–14 UEFA Europa League, the 43rd season of Europe's secondary club football tournament organised by UEFA, and the fifth season since it was renamed from the UEFA Cup to the UEFA Europa League.



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◆ Me at Juventus Arena during the 2014 UEFA Europa League final in Turin between SL Benfica and Sevilla FC

The 2014 UEFA Europa League Final was played at the Juventus Stadium in Turin, Italy on 14 May 2014, between Spanish side Sevilla and Portuguese side Benfica. Sevilla won the match 4–2 on penalties, following a 0–0 draw after extra time.

I was in Turin, Italy to cover the whole story, from attending the training sessions and press conferences to doing the interviews. I was also interviewed by Benfica TV where I talked about their chances of beating their Spanish rivals Sevilla.

I also produced a story about the Juventus stadium itself which was built on the site of Juventus' and Torino's former home, the Stadio delle Alpi. Stadio delle Alpi stadium was demolished in 2009 and the new stadium opened at the start of the 2011–12 season with a capacity of just over 41,000 spectators.

◆ Being interviewed by Portugal TV at the 2014 UEFA Europa League Final in Turin, Italy



◆ Me at the Juventus Arena prior to the 2014 UEFA Europa League final in Turin between SL Benfica and Sevilla FC



YouTube <https://youtu.be/IuWEf-yPHlg>



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Afghanistan

take historic strides

◆ Sit Down interview with Afghanistan national team head coach Slaven Skeljezic

I was contacted by the London based company 'Pitch International' who had won the rights of the new FIFA weekly magazine show called 'FIFA Football' in 2015. They asked me to produce a story about Afghanistan football.

Afghanistan first entered FIFA World Cup qualifiers for the 2006 tournament. In their first three attempts, they faced elimination after two 'home'-and-away matches, having scored two goals and conceded twenty one goals in six matches. In June 2015 the Afghanistan national team grabbed their first ever victory in the World Cup qualifiers with a 1-0 win against Cambodia. Due to the turmoil in their country the Afghanistan Football Federation decided to have their four AFC 2018 World Cup qualifying 'home' matches to be staged in the Iranian cities of Mashhad (near the Afghan border) and one match in Tehran against Japan.



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◆ Screenshot of final cut



SLAVEN SKELEDZIC
 HEAD COACH, AFG



The interesting fact is that the majority of the estimated 3-million Afghan citizens living in Iran are there illegally and as such they live in hiding and are normally not seen in large groups in order to avoid deportation. This feature illustrates how the Afghan team, largely made up from Afghan diaspora, are giving their nation and those living in exile in Iran a sense of pride. As expected Tehran's Azadi stadium was filled by Afghan football fans. I filmed and interviewed two Afghan players who had left their home country as a child to live in Europe, but they were now back to play for their national team. I also interviewed their head coach Slaven Skeledzic,

◆ FIFA TV Story Afghanistan take historic strides



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a Bosnian who had moved to Germany with his family because of war.

The 2014 UEFA Champions League Final was the final match of the 2013–14 UEFA Champions League, the 59th season of Europe's premier club football tournament organised by UEFA. The match took place on Saturday, 24 May 2014, at the Estádio da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal, between Spanish sides Real Madrid and Atlético Madrid.

I flew to Lisbon a couple of days prior to the match day in order to cover the two team's arrival, their warm up training sessions, the stadium - the Estádio da Luz - shooting and conduct some interviews for the feature.

The match was an absolute drama as Real Madrid scored in the 93rd minute to cancel out Atletico Madrid's first-half goal.

Then Real Madrid scored three more times in extra time to secure a 4-1 win and a record of 10th title in the competition, 12 years after their ninth victory.



On Thursday, 22 May 2014, I also went to cover the 2014 UEFA Women's Champions League Final which was held at Estádio do Restelo in Lisbon between reigning champions Wolfsburg (Germany) and Champions League debutants Tyresö (Sweden). The German side successfully defended their title after beating their Swedish rivals 4-3.

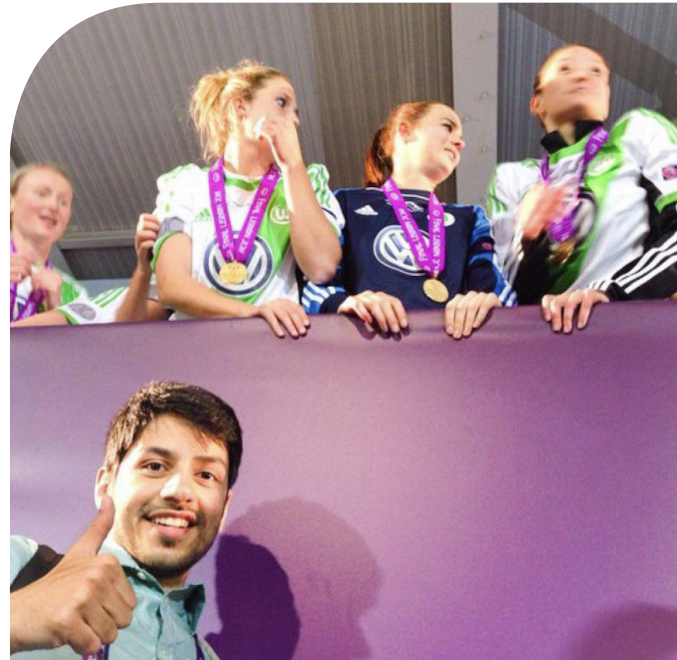
◆ At the 2014 UEFA Champions League Final pre-match press conference in Lisbon, Portugal





◆ With VfL Wolfsburg girls who beat Swedish side Tyreso FF at the final of the 2014 UEFA Women's Champions League in Lisbon, Portugal

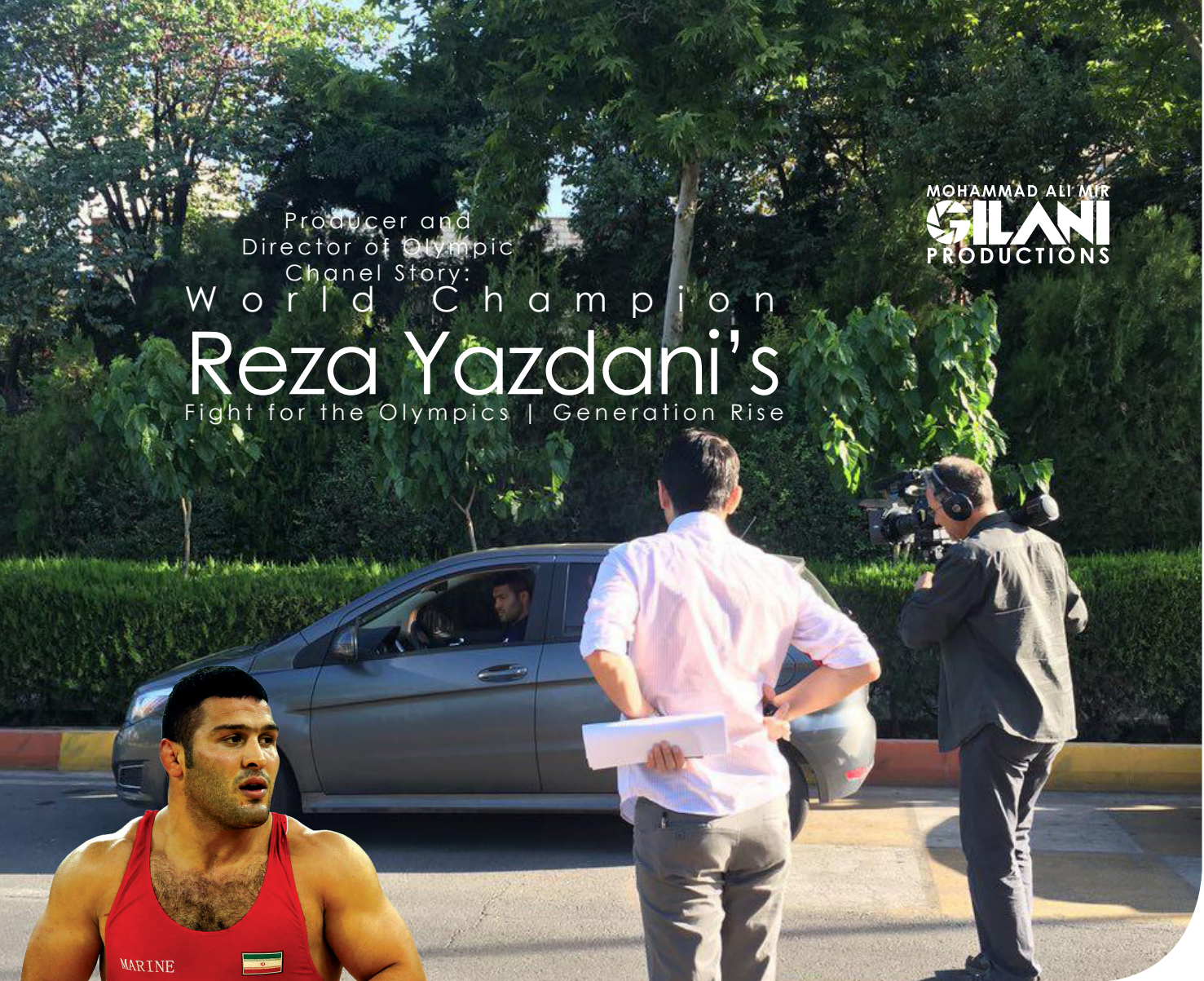
◆ The 2014 UEFA Europa League Final



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World Champion
Reza Yazdani's
Fight for the Olympics | Generation Rise



Two-time freestyle wrestling world champion Reza Yazdani has suffered a severe ankle injury during training on the eve of the Olympics. Reza considered to be one of the world's greatest freestyle wrestlers but he has yet to achieve Olympic success. In 2012 at the London Olympic summer games he suffered a severe injury during the semi finals and his hopes of Olympic glory were lost.



Now, Reza is thirty one years old and reaching the end of his career and the whole story is about his effort to overcome his injury and achieve his dreams at the Olympics. Reza has a special fitness trainer who is very sensitive about his injury. We shot him at the training before going to the city center to get the reaction of people who recognised him asking to get selfies and autographs.

We had three sit down interviews with Reza as he talked about his personal life, his love of wrestling, the whole story of the 2012 Olympics in London and his bad luck of having back to back injuries ahead of the big tournaments.

We also shot him with a bunch of wrestlers, wrestling and discussing techniques, as well as playing basketball together. At the end of the training Reza started to wrestle with an opponent but in a dramatic scene he felt a lot of pressure on his injured ankle and he fell on the mat shouting in pain.

Reza Yazdani, nicknamed 'The Leopard of Juybar', finally recovered in time to compete at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. He won his first match but his injury held him back as he was knocked out in the round of 16 after suffering two defeats against Azerbaijan's Khetag Gazyumov and Magomed Abdulmuminovich Ibragimov of Uzbekistan. He finished in 7th spot.

YouTube

<https://youtube.com/RDb88Cuqjnk>



◆ Reza Yazdani story on Olympic Chanel's official YouTube channel



◆ My Cameraman and I producing a feature story about Iranian wrestler Reza Yazdani who was getting ready for the Olympics



◆ My Cameraman, assistant and I producing a feature story about Iranian wrestler Reza Yazdani who was getting ready for the Olympics

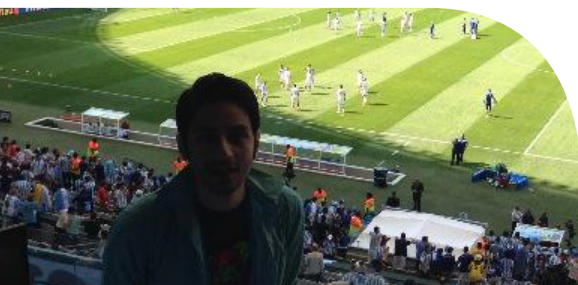
◆ Reza Yazdani story on Olympic Chanel's official YouTube channel



REZA YAZDANI
Wrestling

The 2014 FIFA World Cup was the 20th FIFA World Cup, which staged in Brazil. It was the second time that Brazil staged the competition, the first being in 1950, and the fifth time that it was held in South America.

It was the 4th time that Iran had qualified for the World Cup. I flew to Sao Paulo prior to the tournament to cover the latest from Team Melli at the World Cup. I managed to cover all training sessions, press conferences and flash interviews of Iran national team. Iran were drawn in Group F of the tournament alongside Argentina, Nigeria and debutant Bosnia & Herzegovina. In the first match Iran managed to keep their first ever World Cup clean sheet after a goalless draw against Nigeria. Despite a fantastic performance against Argentina, Iran lost to the Albiceleste only with Lionel Messi's stoppage time wonderstrike.



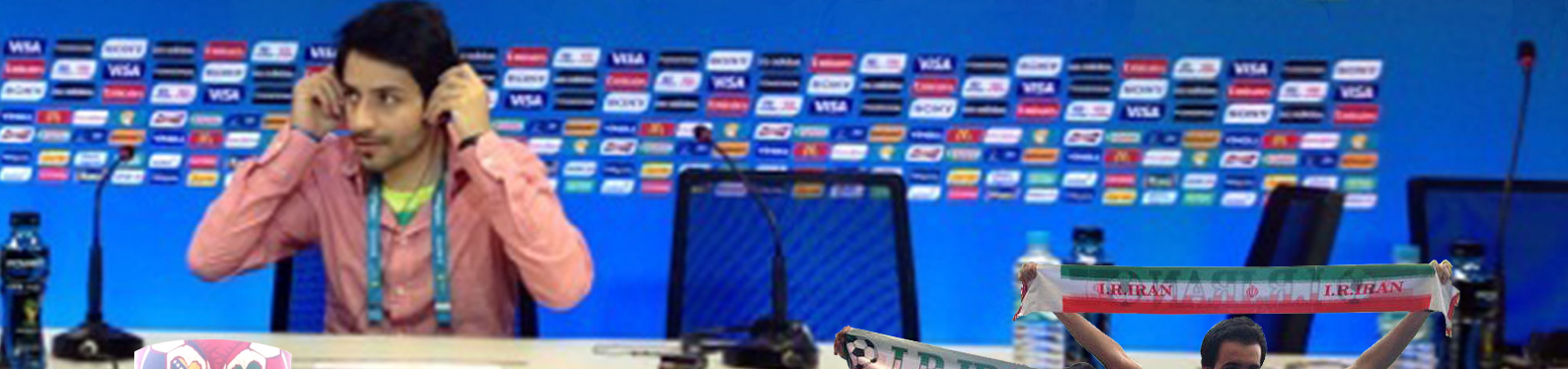
The third match against Bosnia was a must win game for Iran but a 3-1 loss confirmed the elimination of the Persians and recorded Bosnia's first ever win at a World Cup.

In addition to covering Iran's performance at the World Cup, I managed to have a couple of interviews with a couple



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of renowned football characters as well as Arsenal former head coach Arsene Wenger and former Manchester United defender Phil Neville.



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